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2-Hour Parking Limit On Moore St. May Go Into Effect — Or Not

At its meeting of October 18, Township Committee unanimously passed an ordinance that will establish a two-hour parking zone near Princeton High School, on the western side of Moore Street between Guyot Avenue and the Borough line. [Michele Tuck-Ponder was absent.]

Committee members stipulated, however, that the ordinance not take effect until January 15. Ordinarily, municipal ordinances become effective immediately.

The ordinance targets high school drivers who now leave their cars on Moore Street all day — and who turned out *en masse* to protest the measure. Joined by high school Principal John Kazmark, they presented a petition signed by one fourth of the student body.

Dr. Kazmark asked for a postponement to allow him and the students time to work out a solution; and Committeeman Steven Frakt suggested the date of January 15.

A number of Moore Street residents attended the meeting to argue vehemently in favor of the ordinance, which was recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee.

"When cars are parked on the street, we cannot exit from our driveways and see traffic from both directions at the same time," stated Beth Healy, 210 Moore.

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SHOOTING SCENE: Authorities at Merwick's parking lot, where a woman was shot by her estranged husband Monday morning. *(Photo by Brian McCarthy)*

Police Seek Husband in Shooting Of Estranged Wife in Merwick Lot

Police are searching for a man suspected of shooting his estranged wife Monday morning in the Medical Center at Princeton's Merwick rehabilitation center's parking lot as she arrived for work.

The suspect, Errol Thompson, 49, of uncertain address, had pled guilty to reduced charges for an incident last May in which he threatened the victim's life and allegedly shot at her.

The victim, Dorothy Thompson, 42, of Trenton, was hit three times, once in the arm and twice in the abdomen. She underwent surgery Monday at the Capital Health System at Fuld, in Trenton, and was listed in fair condition Tuesday evening.

A witness reported seeing Errol Thompson in Trenton Monday night, but at press time he had managed to elude authorities. His mug shot has been distributed to authorities throughout the state.

Dorothy Thompson and a co-worker pulled into the Merwick driveway just before 7 a.m., and were about to go to work when Errol Thompson pulled up alongside them, said police. The Thompson's began to argue, and the co-worker, upon seeing a knife in Errol Thompson's hand, tried to intercede, said police.

Errol Thompson jabbed the knife in the friend's direction, said police. The suspect then reached towards his waistband. The friend, fearing Errol Thompson had a gun, ran towards Merwick to call police. Errol Thompson shot at the friend, and the bullet traveled through his clothing on the left side without hitting him, said police.

While calling police, the friend heard three shots, went outside, and saw Errol Thompson fleeing the scene in his red Acura Integra, according to reports. The friend then ran to the car, and found Dorothy Thompson bleeding from three gunshot wounds. She had apparently tried to protect herself by locking herself in her sport utility vehicle. The vehicle's windshield and driver's side window were shot out with a 9 millimeter handgun.

Police, who arrived about 7, found the victim being treated by Merwick's medical staff. She was rushed to Fuld's trauma center.

Monday's tragedy was foreshadowed by previous incidents. The victim had a restraining order against her husband since at least May 1998. She called police to Merwick last May when he was allegedly on

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Unhappy Neighbors Block the Way Of New Storm Drainage System

After years of hearing complaints from home owners in the area around Jefferson Road and Humbert Street that they experienced serious flooding after big storms, Borough Council decided a number of months ago to install a new drainage system that would ease the situation.

After the decision was made to design and install the drainage system, Council then debated whether to assess the affected home owners for a portion of the cost. The final decision was that the Borough would pick up the entire tab.

The issue appeared to be drawing to a close last Tuesday night, when Council was expected to vote to accept a low bid of $283,000 for the installation of the drainage system. But before Council could vote, a number of people in the audience raised objections to granting the Borough's request for an easement. These easements are necessary in order to install underground pipes for the drainage system. Between 12 and 15 are being sought.

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Drainage System

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fect the value of my property and make my property unmarketable in the future," said Debbie Hollander, co-owner of 43 Humbert Street. Some half dozen houses, mostly on Humbert Street and Jefferson Road, have been affected by the severe flooding, which Borough Engineer Carl Peters said often brought the water level up to the basement ceiling.

Several home owners on Jefferson Road also objected to the granting of easements, for which the Borough is offering only token payment. Tanya Distol, owner of 49 Humbert Street, said that if it were absolutely necessary to destroy portions of property, the owners should be reimbursed fairly.

A few neighbors spoke back. "Every flood we take the brunt of the water," said Bruce Turner of 44 Jefferson Road. "I'm saddened and generally horrified by the resistance of some of my neighbors. The place where the water is coming from is my dear neighbors' properties, those not helping us."

Rosemary Laines, a Humbert Street resident who had been active in bringing the flooding to the Borough's attention, said the water the homes were receiving came from two sources: the street, where there are no storm drains, and the cemetery. "We're the victims of this. Neighbors should not be allowed to dump water on us."

A trustee of Princeton Cemetery, Philip Shaver, rose and said the cemetery was enthusiastically signing off on its easement request, since the Borough was solving an important problem.

The properties experiencing the heavy run-off lie downhill from Princeton Cemetery and Wiggins Street. When asked some time ago to contribute to the cost of the new drainage system, cemetery officials demurred, saying they did not feel an obligation to do so. For one thing, the cemetery was there long before the houses, they pointed out.

Affected residents, however, have insisted that the continued development of the cemetery has increased the runoff. Borough Engineer Carl Peters said the cemetery has not done anything out of the ordinary, but that it is more fully occupied than in the past.

After installing the underground pipes in the easement area, the Borough would restore the surface. But the Borough would also have the perpetual right to dig down toward the pipes if necessary, thus eliminating any possibility of planting trees, or constructing a pool or addition, on the easement.

Mr. Peters said he tried to put the easements as much as possible on the land of those getting the greatest benefit. The Borough has the right to go into private property for the public good, he added, and if the property owners refuse to grant the easement, the Borough could go to the courts.

Mayor Is Hopeful

At the Council meeting, Mayor Marvin Reed said he was hopeful all neighbors involved would cooperate with the easements. "If this is not possible, we have to make a judgment on how to deal with the project. I don't think the Borough is in a position to pay large sums of money for easements." The Mayor added that if the easements are not signed within two weeks, the bid will have to be rejected.

Councilman Bill Slover said he was having a hard time with the concept that the easements have a great deal of value. "If they're not worth a lot, let me know, and we'll condemn them and tell them to take it to the judge."

But, having said this, Mr. Slover then offered to call everyone who had been asked to grant an easement and report back to Council at the October 26 meeting. "One of the saddest things is neighbor against neighbor in a small town like Princeton," he said.

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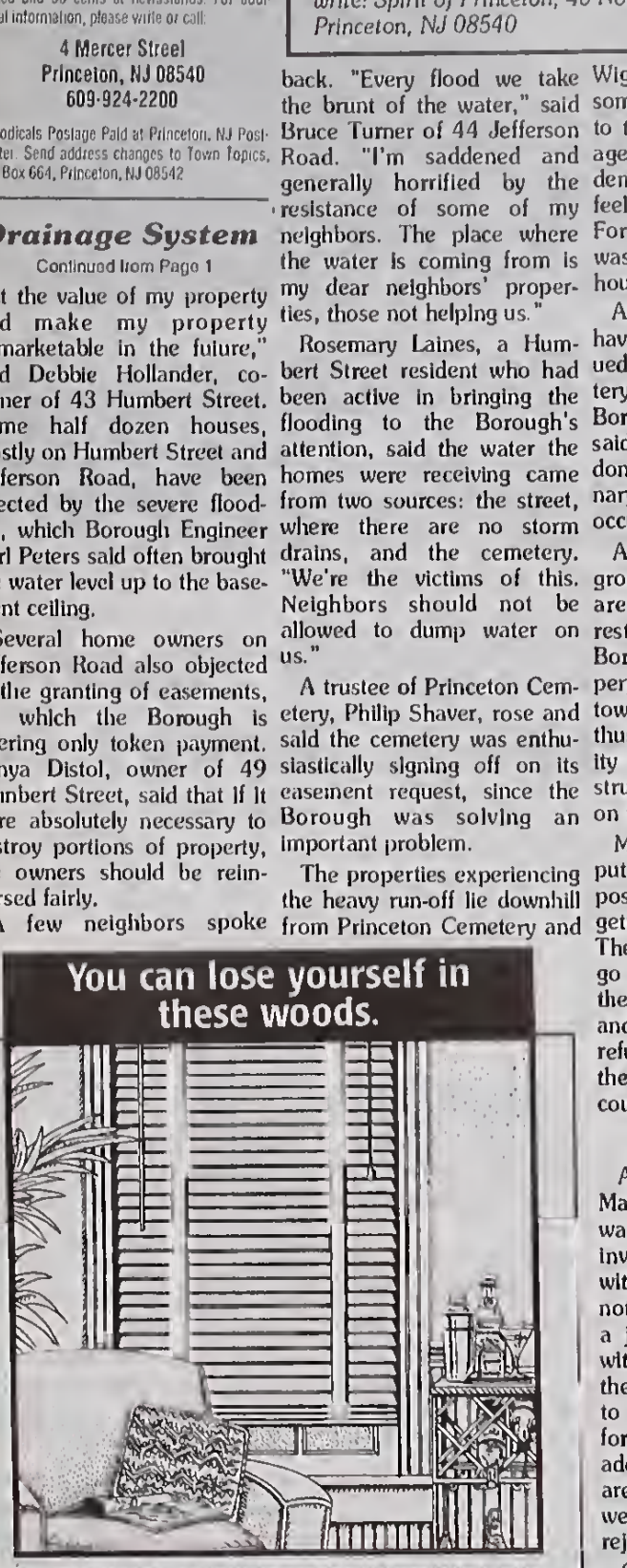

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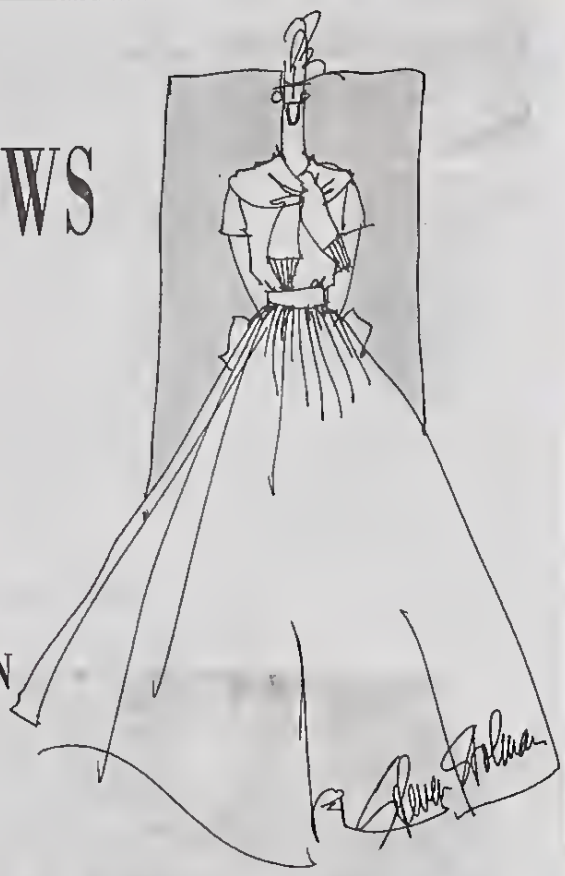
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PROPOSED CCRC SITE: The Regent's Mead CCRC, which is proposed for the site of the former Our Lady of Princeton convent in Princeton Township, was discussed by the Site Plan Review Advisory Board last week. The discussion will continue on October 26.

Neighbors Express Silent Opposition To Proposed Regent's Mead CCRC

Even though the Regent's Mead application was being heard by a Planning Board advisory committee that has no decision-making powers, and even though they would not be allowed to speak at the meeting, nearly two dozen neighbors of the proposed continuing care retirement community (CCRC) came to the Site Plan Review Advisory Board (SPRAB) meeting last Thursday night.

They were there in silent opposition to plans for the CCRC that is proposed to be built on 43 acres at the corner of Drakes Corner Road and The Great Road, once the site of Our Lady of Princeton convent.

The discussion of the application will be continued Tuesday night, October 26, when SPRAB will meet in the main meeting room of the Princeton Regional Schools building at 7:30 p.m. Following this meeting, SPRAB's recommendations will be forwarded to the Regional Planning Board, which will meet November 3 to hear the application.

TOPICS Of the Town

Princeton Lifestyles LLC will be asking the Planning Board for major site plan approval for the construction of a 628,907-square-foot CCRC facility, to be named Regent's Mead. This would be made up of 215 independent units, 42 assisted living units, and 44 nursing care units. Approximately 66 percent of the site will be affected by the development.

The CCRC would be composed of five interconnected buildings arranged in a horseshoe shape. These will include the 20,000-square-foot Tudor mansion that had served as the convent for Our Lady of Princeton, as well as new buildings for independent living, community facilities, and health care.

A marketing brochure for Regent's Mead states that the entrance fee for a one- bedroom, 1½-bath apartment will be $315,000, and the monthly fee $2,500. These costs do not include assisted living and long-term care.

Objections to Size

One of the neighbors present was Drakes Corner Road resident Andrew Schechtel. During a break in the meeting, he said that it was unbelievable that the Township could possibly be in favor of putting a 300-unit garden apartment building in a residential neighborhood, and that this was contrary to many elements stated in the Princeton Master Plan. "Five or six lawyers have been hired by neighbors concerned about the massive scale of this proposal," he said.

Another neighbor, Perry Arons, said that planners, engineers, and CCRC experts who had been hired to study this proposal had found it "wildly excessive." He added, "We feel this can be reduced by 50 percent and still be financially viable. We've spoken to the developer, but he has refused to reduce the size." Mr. Arons said that he had been in contact with 100 neighbors, and that they all felt the same.

Thomas Jamieson, attorney for Princeton Lifestyles, began his presentation by stating that the development was proceeding under the ordinance adopted by Township Committee, which identified Our Lady of Princeton as one site for a CCRC. He also said that it was the intention of the applicant to request no variances or waivers.

Architect for the project, Steven Cohen, said the mansion would be upgraded and integrated into the development, with two new buildings located on each side of it. Underground parking providing 215 spaces would be located beneath the new buildings. There would be

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PLEDGING TO STOP HUNGER: Dorothy Moore, age 10, of Princeton, watches as William Stoltzfus, Hun Road, make a pledge to support the CROP Walk which departed from the Princeton Shopping Center on Sunday afternoon.

(Photo by Charles Phox)

Physicist Freeman Dyson To Be at University Store

World-renowned physicist Freeman J. Dyson will appear at the Princeton University Store on Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion and book signing. Now emeritus, he has been a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study since 1953.

His latest book, *The Sun, The Genome, and The Internet*, takes a look into the future, arguing that technological changes alter our ethical and social lives and that three advancing new technologies — solar energy, genetic engineering, and worldwide communication — as a group have the potential to create equal distribution of the world's wealth.

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additional on-site parking to meet the 403-space requirement for the 301 units, although 46 spaces would be banked.

Township Engineer Bob Kiser pointed out that Regent's Mead was eight times the size of the assisted living development going up on Mount Lucas Road, and six times the size of the Thanet Road office development.

"This is an issue of great importance, and a vast project," said Ronald Berlin, SPRAB chairman. "There is not enough time tonight to go through the application. We will do this methodically next time."

"This is one of the scenic entrances into Princeton, said SPRAB member David Breithaupt. Harry Cooke agreed that the entrance was in a rather precarious situation, and also asked about the type of materials that will be used for the new construction. "I understand beautiful stone buildings are coming down," he said.

Mr. Berlin asked whether the project proposed was the maximum development allowable. "Some of my concerns have to do with the relationship of the proposed buildings to the building remaining on the site, and the scale of the surrounding area," he said.

"The number of retaining walls indicate a project that will tower over residences below," Mr. Berlin added. He also asked that the perimeter of the buildings be staked on site.

"I'd like to focus on reducing bulk and coverage," said Peter Neilson, who also asked to see a rendering showing on-site trees.

William Wolfe said it seemed unlikely that the maximum number of units could be achieved on the site, and that what was being presented appeared to be a project very skillfully designed to "really pack it in."

"The intersection of The Great Road and Cherry Valley Road is already overburdened, said Louise Schiller. She asked to be told shift times as well as the number of employees on each shift. She also said she wanted to discuss the impact of 24-hour lighting on adjacent residences. "The existence of all those retaining walls shows the incompatibility of the development to the site," she added.

The October 13 meeting ended at 11:15 p.m., with the parties prepared to meet again in less than two weeks to continue the discussion.

—Myrna K. Bearse

New System Lets Library Patrons Browse From Home

Princeton Public Library patrons with internet access can browse the library's stacks without leaving home, thanks to the library's new online catalog.

The online-catalog link on the library's website (princeton.lib.nj.us) enables users to search the collection to see if a particular book, video, or audiotape is in stock without making a trip to the building itself.

The new system also allows keyword searches, in case customers do not know the exact title of what they are looking for. The new system also allows borrowers to renew items by phone.

The library is jumping head first into the digital age, and will be discarding, literally, its traditional card catalog by the end of October.

"A card catalog is very expensive to produce and maintain," said newly appointed library director Leslie Burger. "The new system will allow better access, easier searching and better results."

She had no worries of losing data, and said the new system was "well backed up" and fully year 2000 compliant. The system was installed a couple of months ago, and is expected to be fully operational soon. Soon, borrowers will be able to access their account information online.

Ms. Burger said response to the new system has been positive, for the most part. A few customers were wary of the new system at first, but most seem to be getting used to punching keys instead of flipping through cards. "There were some initial complaints," said Ms. Burger, "But for the most everyone has adapted real well."

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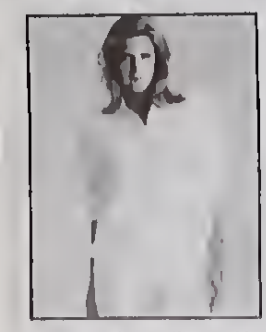

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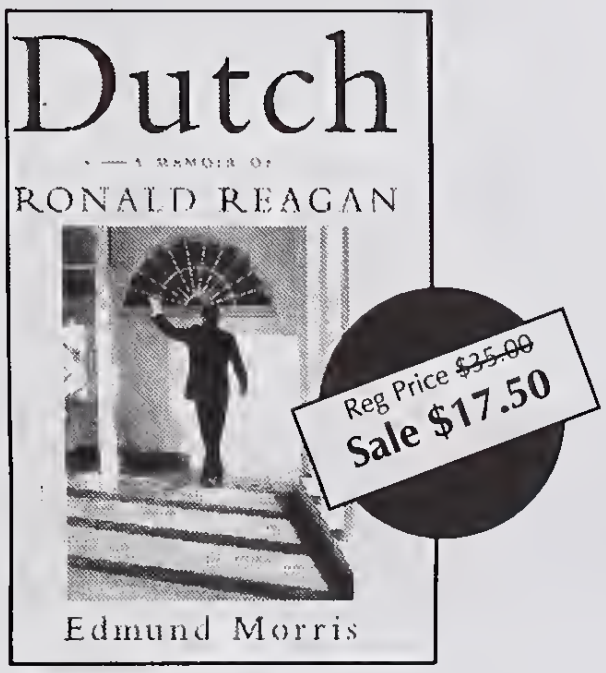

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HISTORY TAKES A BLOW: The Mercer Oak was badly damaged by wind the morning of October 14. Whether it can withstand this latest blow, the third major one it has suffered in the past quarter century, remains to be seen. *(Photo by Albert Raboteau)*

Morning Windstorm Delivers Major Blow To Historic Oak

Princeton's most famous tree was severely damaged by wind the morning of October 14.

The Mercer Oak, . which stands in the middle of Princeton Battlefield State Park, lost three limbs and had an existing crack in its trunk widen.

The broken limbs — whose ends were touching the ground — were removed by state workers the afternoon of the 14th, leaving considerably less tree. Whether the historic white oak — which has suffered three major wind-related calamities in the last 25 years — will survive this latest blow remains to be seen.

Twenty-four years ago this month wind took out a full third of the tree, including a large portion of its trunk, according to Robert Wells, chairman of the Township Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Wells has paid attention to the tree over the years even though it is kept up by the state, since it is in a state park. The 1975 break left a large cavity in the tree's trunk, which was shored up with bricks and mortar.

"That was pretty significant," said Mr. Wells. "Up till then [the tree] was pretty much intact."

About 10 years ago, said just keep growing and Mr. Wells, another windstorm increasing in weight. The opened a large vertical crack mass of the trunk increased in the essentially hollow too, but just couldn't keep trunk. The state then trimmed up."

some heavy limbs to reduce stress on the trunk, and inserted some anchoring bolts in it. They also trussed up some of the heavier branches with metal cable to better support them.

Before state workers sawed off the broken limbs and carted them away on the 14th, the broken boughs hung in their suspension cables like broken masts in twisted rigging.

"It was just a matter of time," said Mr. Wells of the latest incident. "The [limbs]

The tree is believed to be 300 years old because it was mature when, legend has it, it gave shade to fatally wounded U.S. General Hugh Mercer at the Battle of Princeton, which took place in 1777.

A core sample is the best way to date a tree, but one cannot be done on the Mercer Oak because its core is now brick, said Mr. Wells. However, he added, another local white oak with roughly the same circumference trunk has been sampled, and is about 300.

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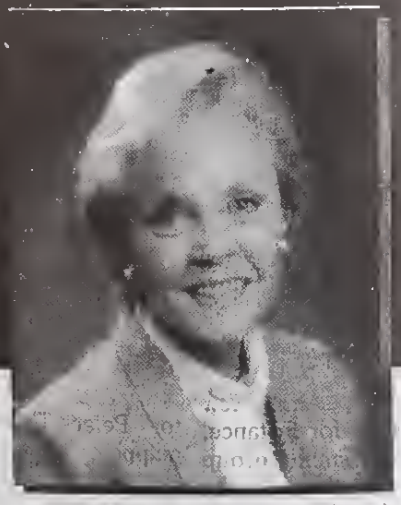

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Ordinance Introduced to Allow Bill Payments Between Meetings

Township Committee members introduced an ordinance on October 18, authorizing the Township's chief financial officer, John Clawson, to approve bills and claims between Committee meetings. He would, however, obtain authorization from Mayor Phyllis Marchand, Deputy Mayor Steve Frakt, or a member of the finance committee before issuing a check.

The measure is necessary, according to Township officials because certain bills must be paid in a timely fashion, regardless of meeting schedules.

Under terms of the Township construction contract, for example, payments are due to the general contractor for the municipal building upon completion of specific work. Funds are also immediately needed, at times, for the purchase of affordable housing units. Several weeks can elapse between Committee meetings.

Routine bills and claims that do not have to be paid immediately will still be approved by the full Township Committee; and Mr. Clawson will not use his new authority often, according to officials.

The Committee also introduced an ordinance that would impose a speed limit of 25 miles per hour both ways on Snowden Lane, between Route 27 and a point 750 feet north of Braeburn Lane. The speed limit there now is 30 miles per hour. Requested by residents, the measure was recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee.

Public hearings on both proposed ordinances will take place during the regular Committee meeting November 8.

Retreat Will Review Task Force Reports; Explore PRS Options

Members of the Princeton Regional Schools ad hoc facilities task force will hold a day-long retreat on October 24 to review the findings of five subcommittees — program, demographics, facilities, funding, and survey — that have been collecting information since the task force was convened last May.

The group is mandated to recommend a plan for facilities change to the board by November 30. Task force members agree that expansion is imperative — and many feel a bond referendum is probably the best way to fund it. To date, however, no concrete plans have been formulated.

"The advantage of a retreat is that it will give us a chance to think and talk openly. We need to bring everything together," explained Task Force Chair Charlotte Bialek. "I'm calling it a brainstorming session," she continued. "We'll look at the information we've gathered, identify the problems of the district, and examine options for solutions."

Instructional trends are changing rapidly, she pointed out, and space needs have evolved over the last few years. There is, for instance, much more "small group instruction" now than was the case just a decade ago. One question the task force must answer is whether brand new construction is needed, or whether school spaces can be organized differently.

Crisis Proportions

Regardless of task force recommendations, a number of capital projects deferred from previous years have reached crisis proportions, according to a report from the facilities subcommittee; they must be addressed in some way.

At a meeting of the task force on October 12, Jim Henderson, the PRS maintenance technician/custodial coordinator distributed a chart on which he had rated deferred projects on a scale of 1 to 5.

"We do the work or we shut down temporarily," he said, in response to a question about how to interpret a rating of 5. "The 4s border on 5s," he added.

Funds required just to complete deferred projects in category 5 total $7.9 million. That amount includes upgrades to the heating and ventilating systems in all district schools except Johnson Park. Work required at the high school alone totals $1.1 million.

Unless new controls are installed for the district-wide energy management system, it will have to be regulated manually after January 1, 2000. In other words, the district HVAC controls are not Y2K compatible.

The system, according to Mr. Henderson, was installed in 1984 and is nothing more than a "glorified time clock." He pointed out that had a modem system been functioning at the time of Hurricane Floyd, it would have alerted district officials to flooding of electrical systems before buildings — particularly the high school — were jeopardized.

Among the category 4 items are district-wide asbestos abatement and the upgrading of fire alarm and security systems.

Asked whether district fire alarms are Y2K compatible, Mr. Henderson turned to the district's technology coordinator Peter Thompson, who quipped, "They are so old, it is not even an issue."

$19 Million Price Tag

The total price tag for deferred maintenance projects in all categories is slightly more. than $19 million, according to Mr. Henderson's calculations.

Board member Walter Frank asked Mr. Henderson to distinguish priorities within category 5, to provide as much information as possible to the board.

"All the HVAC systems are 10 to 15 years beyond their normal life expectancy," Mr. Henderson said.

Mr. Henderson's report will help the task force to focus, Ms. Bialek said. "We don't want to make repairs this year," she noted, "if renovations will need to be tom out immediately for new construction."

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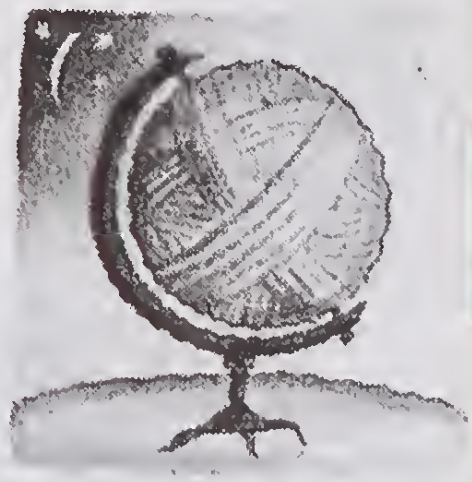

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Request Withdrawn By Stefanelli Owners For Zoning Change

Stefanelli Service Station's request for a change in zoning has been withdrawn. It had been scheduled to be heard by the Planning Board at the board's October 20 meeting. The action followed a recommendation by the Zoning Amendment Review Committee (ZARC) to reject the change. ZARC is an advisory subcommittee to the Planning Board.

Service station owners Carmen and Anthony Stefanelli had sought a zoning change for the three small lots adjoining their service station and Avis rental business, which are located on the corner of Bayard Lane and Leigh Avenue in Princeton Township.

The owners had requested that the three lots, which are zoned residential and are used for parking through a conditional use variance received in 1978, be changed to S-2, a service zone.

About two dozen nearby residents had come to the ZARC meeting early this month to protest the change. The S-2 zone permits such uses as those conducive to heavy trucking and to bus transportation; the storage and sale of building materials and fuels; banks; warehouses; and retail stores and bakeries.

After a number of neighbors spoke, all four ZARC members present at the meeting voted to recommend rejection of the application.

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Topics of the Town

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Board Finance Committee Chair Bucky Hayes, reporting on October 12 for the task force funding subcommittee, noted that PRS is considering whether it should remove all capital expenses from its annual operating budget.

"Capital expenditures would require funding either through a second question on the ballot, lease, public debt, or bank borrowing," he noted. The task force proposal may well involve a third amount — neither operating budget nor capital expense.

"Assuming that the task force proposal requires more than $10 million in funding, a public bond offering will provide the most reliable, yet cost-efficient funding source," Mr. Hayes wrote in his committee report. He also suggested that a charitable-gift campaign be considered for enhancements to the facilities plan.

PRS has a public debt outstanding now of $7.165 million, Mr. Hayes reported. "One financial advisor has informed us that we could raise up to $75 million without negatively impacting the bond rating of either the school district, or the Township, or the Borough," he said.

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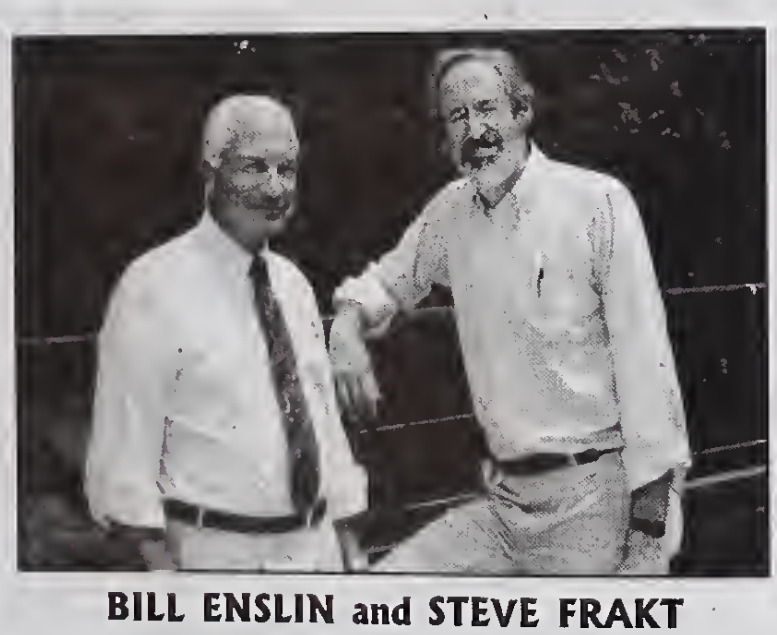

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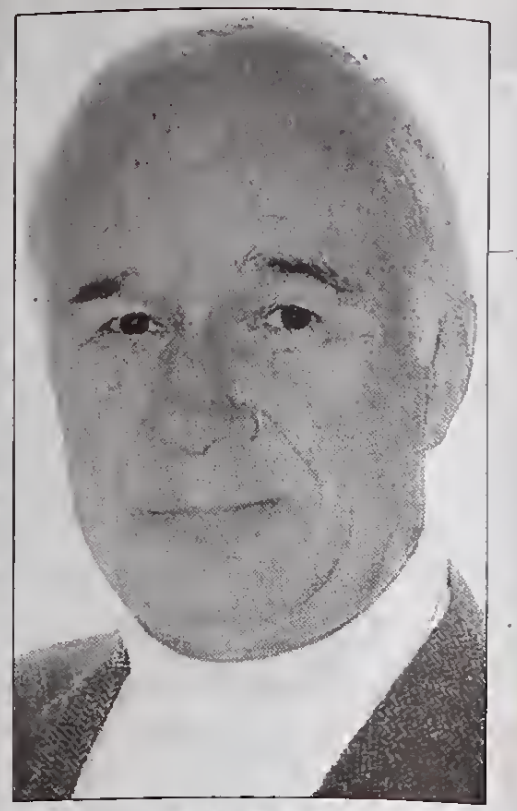
Two Full GOP Council Terms Are Up for Grabs in November

In the November 2 election, Alan Hegedus and Kate Warren will attempt to wrest seats on Borough Council away from long-time Democratic incumbents David Goldfarb and Mildred Trotman. Mr. Hegedus is new to elective politics. Ms. Warren, known for her successful leadership of the anti-consolidation battle, is making her third try for a seat on the Borough governing body.

Interviews with their Democratic opponents appeared in the October 13 issue of TOWN TOPICS.

The four candidates are vying for two full three-year terms. There is another Council race on the ballot, this for a one-year term to fill out the remainder of Mark Freda's unexpired term. Democrat Wendy Benchley, who was named in January to replace Mr. Freda, is seeking to fill this seat. She is opposed by Republican Tom Parker. Interviews with Ms. Benchley and Mr. Parker will appear in the next issue of TOWN TOPICS.



Alan K. Hegedus

Armour Road resident Alan K. Hegedus, 62, is retired from Philips Electronics North America, Inc., where he was president of Philips Display Components.

His business background, Mr. Hegedus said, has led him to the conclusion that the Borough has been mismanaged financially "with the welfare of the long-term residents and taxpayers taking a hind seat to too many other interest groups.

"I would insist that long-time residents and taxpayers have first place in the first row of consideration, rather than in the rear of the auditorium," he said.

The affordable housing program is one example of this, he said, and is a case where millions of dollars have been spent for a shrinking few beneficiaries, "with no accountability, no auditing of what has happened.

"The focus has been very disproportionate in the direction of people, needy though they are, who have not lived here a long time, who are not taxpayers, and of whom only a very tiny minority are Borough residents."

Mr. Hegedus stressed that he is not seeking exclusion, only balance. "I want to represent the majority, and this will be a novel thing," he said.

The parking issue, he said, has to be set within the framework of a vision for the Borough, adding that he sees no vision currently going on at Council. If the vision were to preserve the character of Princeton Borough, he said, then additional high-rise or deep-cellar parking does not have a place.

"If you look at it now, we have several very large parking garages in town, and beyond town we have a hospital garage," he said. "One has to ask, when will the last parking garage built be the last necessary?"

Mr. Hegedus is calling for a moratorium on further bonded indebtedness by the Borough, as well as a moratorium on major expenditures.

Road Repairs

He makes an exception for a certain amount of road repair that needs to be ongoing, but said that the larger issue is the "multimillion dollars in discretionary programs that have really built our debt beyond sustainable levels." The examples he gave of such programs, past and future, included the Borough Hall renovation, Monument Drive reconstruction, and the Shirley Court and Maclean Street housing.

Mr. Hegedus supports what he calls a "partnering reconstruction" between the Borough and Princeton University. He defines this as a sharing of the municipal burden with an organization that is quite wealthy. "Tax-exempt laws are one thing," he said, "fairness and infrastructure maintenance and services rendered are another. There is a deep sense among tax-paying citizens that we are subsidizing to an increasing degree

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tax-exempt institutions, while their trust funds reach multibillion dollar levels."

Mr. Hegedus believes that disproportionate attention to smaller non-resident groups has betrayed long-time senior residents. "Affordable housing is a clear example where so few benefit, while senior citizens are being relegated to second class stature."

The author of most of the Borough Republican advertising campaign, Mr. Hegedus said he has had a large response that indicated to him that he had tapped into an anxiety and lack of trust in the current Council.

Mr. Hegedus believes he offers voters executive competence, rather than what he described as an individual skill set and experience base that has too long represented Borough residents. "I am looking forward to bringing the Borough the vision and long-term financial health it really deserves to have."

Kate Warren

A resident of Jefferson Road, Kate Warren is administrative director of Northeast Career and Counseling Center in Princeton. She currently serves as president of Princeton Engine Co. No. 1 Ladies' Auxiliary, and volunteers as a Home-Friend at the Senior Resource Center and a home reader at the Public Library. She is also vice chair of the Princeton Borough Republican Committee and a commissioner of the Princeton Housing Authority.

If elected to Council, she said she would like to reduce the micromanagement of Borough business by elected officials. "Council needs a vision and needs to move towards that vision, not micromanage every decision." She gave the recent reconstruction of Borough Hall as an example of Council micromanagement.

Ms. Warren said that Council had recently doubled the rate of longevity payments to employees, at a time when the majority of municipalities in the state are moving away from longevity pay. It is a given, she said, that the Borough wants to show its appreciation to its employees, but she noted that state audits have targeted longevity payments as cost drivers of municipal budgets. Her preference, she said, would be to provide a reward for good service.

Ms. Warren said that Council has recently placed public defenders on the Borough payroll and given them benefits. "It was a mistake to do that. We have set a precedent and now incur the cost of benefits."

Moving forward on the Central Business District development issue is high on her agenda. She said she would be willing to support a minimal growth in the downtown, provided it was shown that parking was truly needed. Ms. Warren believes that the Borough should not move forward with the construction of a garage until there is a public referendum on the issue.

But she sees the larger question as whether, and how, the streetscape should change. "The bigger question is, have we reached the point where we don't want the streetscape changed? Until the community answers that question, I think a discussion of a parking garage is putting the cart before the horse."

Kate Warren

Although a supporter of affordable housing on Shirley Court and Maclean Street, Ms. Warren expressed disappointment that the projects had not been done earlier. She pointed out that the number of units on each site had been considerably reduced from what was originally envsioned, and that the costs of construction have risen since plans were first unveiled more than a decade ago.

A Fresh Approach

Ms. Warren believes that new people on Council would bring a freshness to relations between the Borough and the University. "It is my understanding from conversations I've had with the University that the ability to come to the table has somewhat been hampered with the present administration on Council," she said.

She has been campaigning door to door, and says that meeting people in this way is one of the best things about being in the Borough. As for issues that residents bring to her attention, she said they are the same as they have been for the past 30 years: traffic, parking, and taxes.

"I've been calling for a local budget review for three years," she said. "I know it is being done and I am saddened that the results are being held back until two months after the election.

"The Borough is dear to me, and as a taxpayer I consider myself a watchdog. I think people need to be informed. By electing me they would be informed. I would continue to be that watchdog."

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Township Democrats Fielding One Incumbent And One Newcomer in Race for Committee Seat

On Election Day, November 2, Township voters will have the opportunity to choose between four candidates vying for two vacant three-year seats on Township Committee.

Democrat Steven Frakt, 54, the only incumbent, is running for his own seat. His running mate William Enslin, 64, is seeking the seat to be vacated by Michele Tuck-Ponder at the end of the year.

The two Democrats, interviewed for this issue of TOWN TOPICS, are challenging Republicans Dorothy Bedford and Barbara Russo, who will be interviewed for next week's edition.

Steven Frakt

Both Democrats are seasoned veterans of municipal government. Mr. Frakt, a member of Township Committee for the past six years, has been deputy mayor for the last two; while Mr. Enslin has served on the Regional Planning Board for 10 years. He chaired the board for three years, and was vice chair for five.

A resident of Lake Drive, Mr. Frakt has lived in Princeton since 1974. He served on the staff of the NJ State Legislature's non-partisan research office from 1971 to 1990. In 1990, he was appointed an assistant state treasurer; and from 1994 to 1998, he was the administrator for the NJ Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission.

After he retired from state government in 1998, Mr. Frakt received an appointment to lecture in public and international affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. He holds both an M.A. degree and a M. Phil. degree in geography from Rutgers University.

Mr. Frakt's wife, Marlaine Lockheed, manages international educational development projects for the World Bank. The couple has three adult children, all of whom attended Princeton High School.

While Mr. Frakt points with pride to his Committee record and to the positions he has taken on a number of Township questions, he says what he wants most is for people to feel they can get a "fair shake" from him. "Voters have to feel they are electing individuals who have the ability to listen and to make responsible decisions," he emphasizes.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of Township government, he says, is that there is "immediate feedback" from constituents. "Most issues revolve around particular neighborhoods; the issues that really touch people have to do with what's happening on their block."

One of his strengths, he believes, is the ability to listen to diverse points of view and to help reach a consensus. As an example, he points to Smoyer Park (formerly, Weller Farm).

In April, the Township reached final settlement on terms of the park's development after two years of dispute with neighbors whose homes abut the site — a tract bounded by Herrontown Road, Snowden Lane, and Caldwell Drive.

Mr. Frakt was the "point person" who worked with the Northeast Residents' Association to arrive at settlement. "Meeting in homes, in small groups, made it possible to determine what the real underlying issues were, and to respond to real concerns."

Other matters in which he played a key role include the Elm Court expansion. He took time to meet with nearby residents to discuss the matter, and "Public good is the result."

"After 30 years in the state Legislature," he says, "I have learned to listen and to work with people."

Mr. Frakt has been a member of the Township's finance committee from his first year in office. He was instrumental in streamlining committee operations to make the budget process smoother.

State Grants/ Low-Cost Loans

The Township [which recently earned a Triple A bond rating] is very good at keeping taxes low by securing state grants and low-cost loans," he emphasizes.

He also notes that Township Committee public hearings "used to be at the very end of the meeting. Now they occur early; and there is an opportunity for public comment at 8." (Meetings begin at 7.) The re-structuring occurred largely as a result of Mr. Frakt's initiatives.

During his tenure, Township voters approved the Open Space Tax (1997), which Mr. Frakt advocated. One of the Township's top priorities, he believes, should be to save more land.

An open space advisory committee is responsible for advising the Township on acquisition. "There are only three or four parcels left," Mr. Frakt notes, "and the money is there. We have $200,000 coming in each year."

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For a major acquisition to occur, he explains, the Township would need to sell bonds and pay off the loan with funds from the Open Space Tax.

William Enslin

A professor of strategic planning and organizational behavior at Rowan University (formerly Glassboro State), Mr. Enslin, Herrontown Road, will retire from teaching at the end of the current semester — after 26 years. He will have both the time and the experience to serve the community, he points out.

The holder of both a master's degree and a doctorate in organizational management from Rutgers University, Mr. Enslin has been involved in management and executive training programs for a number of major corporations, including AT&T, Bristol Myers-Squibb, Morgan Stanley Bank and others.

He is a principal in a Princeton management consulting firm, Action Planning Associates, and has done considerable consulting for state and governmental agencies — including the government of the Virgin Islands.

As a member of the Planning Board, he explains, he has operated "within the context of pre-existing ordinances.

"I want to move to a policy-setting and ordinance-creating body," he observes, "and i believe I have the experience and skills to make a contribution."

His wife Pamela, municipal Democratic Party chair, is his campaign manager. The couple has four adult children.

One of his actions as Planning Board chair was to initiate a strategic planning approach to the Township Master Plan, Dr. Enslin points out. "Strategic planning is a process that clearly identifies objectives. it is a more structured way of approaching the master plan."

He also opened Planning Board meetings to public participation, he notes, and made the application review process more "customer service oriented" than it was previously.

Land Use Issues

Dr. Enslin believes that most — if not all — Township issues can be described as land use issues. A perfect illustration, he says, is the Winant property (Coventry Farm), where, "We are trying to meet all the major needs of the community with the limited land we have left."

An investment group headed by architect J. Robert Hillier has proposed to develop Coventry Farm so that a band of continuous green space would extend from Cherry Hill Road west to The Great Road. In addition, Hillier proposes to construct an age-restricted adult community of 70 small homes on the western side of the road. The intent is to preserve farming operations, as well.

Complicating the issue is the fact that part of the tract was designated in the 1996

William Enslin

Township Master Plan, as a possible site for school construction.

"I would like to think I have enough experience in the community and am well enough versed in the issues to make a contribution," Dr. Enslin says, adding that active recreation facilities in the Township is also a priority.

Princeton's traffic congestion problem is another land use issue, Dr. Enslin points out. "Much of Princeton's traffic comes from surrounding communities. Rather than take a regional approach, the Department of Transportation handles the situation, project by project; and there are about nine separate projects that can affect this community."

One is the Hillsborough Bypass, a plan to re-direct traffic on Route 206 around the community of Hillsborough. The plan, Dr. Enslin says, is already four years old. "Princeton has always been clear that it doesn't want Route 206 to be more than two lanes wide through residential areas."

One of the founders of the Central Jersey Traffic Management Group, a regional forum to discuss traffic planning, Mr. Enslin says the group is partially responsible for removing the Millstone Bypass from the fast track.

He says the group is waiting for an environmental analysis on the Bypass, and, "If it is not satisfactory , we will go to court."

The development of downtown Princeton Borough is another project-by-project situation, Mr. Enslin notes. The library, the Arts Council, Nassau Inn, Palmer Square Properties, and the YMCA are all engaged in, or contemplating, major construction. "Development must be looked at holistically," he insists.

If elected to Township Committee, he will not have a lot to say about Borough development; but Dr. Enslin says he would hope to continue as a Planning Board liaison. A master plan subcommittee has recommended that a consultant be engaged to look at downtown development as a whole.

His own consulting approach, Dr. Enslin says, is to help clients define the problems and enable them to reach their own solutions. The same approach would apply, were he elected to Township Committee.

—Anne Rivera

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Assistant Administrator Takes Post in Cranford

Marlena Schmid, assistant administrator for Princeton Borough, has resigned to become township administrator in Cranford. The new position fulfills a lifetime dream for Ms. Schmid, whose father, Werner Schmid, was municipal administrator in Teaneck for more than 30 years.

"I used to shadow my father, and I used to go to meetings of the governing body. I knew early on I wanted to become a city manager," she said.

Ms. Schmid, who joined the Borough six years ago, served as acting Borough administrator earlier this year after the resignation of Tom Shannon. Although she applied for the administrator's position, the post was given to Bob Bruschi, West Windsor administrator.

While a student at American University, Ms. Schmid visited Cranford with a friend from school. At the time, she said she thought to herself, "This is a place I'd like to manage someday." Ms. Schmid then went on to earn a master's in public administration from George Washington University.

She has no hard feelings about being passed over for the administrator's job in the Borough. "What I learned by becoming an acting administrator was that I was ready to become a manager. I respect the council's decision. They selected an excellent candidate."

"I love working at the Borough and I'm going to miss the people I work with. They have been extremely supportive of me since I got here in 1993," she added.

Ms. Schmid was earning $57,750 at the Borough. Her new position will pay $87,500.

—Myrna K. Bearse

20-SOMETHINGS: Parents tossing hints? See the TOWN TOPICS employment opportunities

Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

Jenny Mischner,

PDS Lower School librarian, mother of three girls and avid cook, somehow finds time to make homemade soup every week! This is a family favorite.

Harvest Soup

You can be flexible with the amounts – I am.

1-1½ lb greens (swiss chard, kale, tatsoi, etc)
1 cup sliced carrots
1 cup sliced celery
1½ cups chopped onions
3 tbisp olive oil
3 cloves garlic
6 cups broth or water
½ cup barley
1 tbisp oregano
1 tbisp basil
1 4-inch piece pepperoni
salt and pepper to taste
2 tomatoes, coarsely chopped or one can whole tomatoes w/juice (chopped coarsely)
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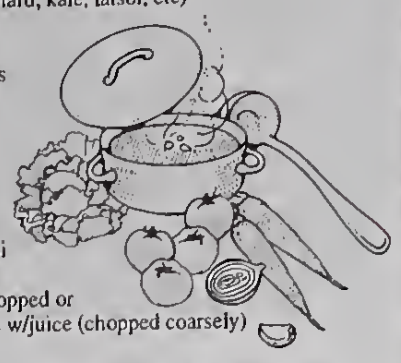

Wash greens; separate leaves from stems & slice thinly. Fold large leaves in half & slice into one-inch pieces. Reserve. In a large soup pot, saute stems, onions, garlic, carrots & celery in olive oil over medium heat for 5 minutes. Cover and continue cooking 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broth, barley, spices and tomatoes; bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer. Meanwhile, slice pepperoni thinly and cut each slice in half. Add to soup. Simmer 1½-2 hours. Add pesto before serving. Serves 8-10.

More to Come ... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes... *Provided by Lynn Smith, Town Topics*

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Hospital Reports Births To 10 Area Residents

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported eight births to area residents for the week ending October 14, as well as two other recent births that were not included in previous reports.

Sons were born to David and Doreen Mislolek, Lawrenceville, October 7; Tiesheny Wang and Lindee Ning, Belle Mead, October 7; and Thomas and Kristine Scott, Plainsboro, October 9.

Sons were also born to David and Suzanne Philbin, Princeton Junction, October 13; Eric and Caryn Berman, Pennington, October 14; and Alfredo and Rosalie Tantoy, Princeton, October 14. A son was born, as well to William Hurlin and Jane Borns, Princeton, on October 8.

Daughters were born to Timothy and Margaret Beauregard, Plainsboro, October 7; and Christopher and Christin Ohrel, Plainsboro, October 13. A daughter was also born to Peter and Amy Sharpless, Princeton, on September 24.

Crosstown Bus Program Charges $1.50 Each Way

The Crosstown bus transportation program for senior citizens, run by the Princeton Human Service Department and provided by the AAA Princeton Taxi Service since October 1, now charges $1.50 each way, according to coordinator Alta Rex.

The transportation service is still limited to destinations within the Township and Borough, she said.

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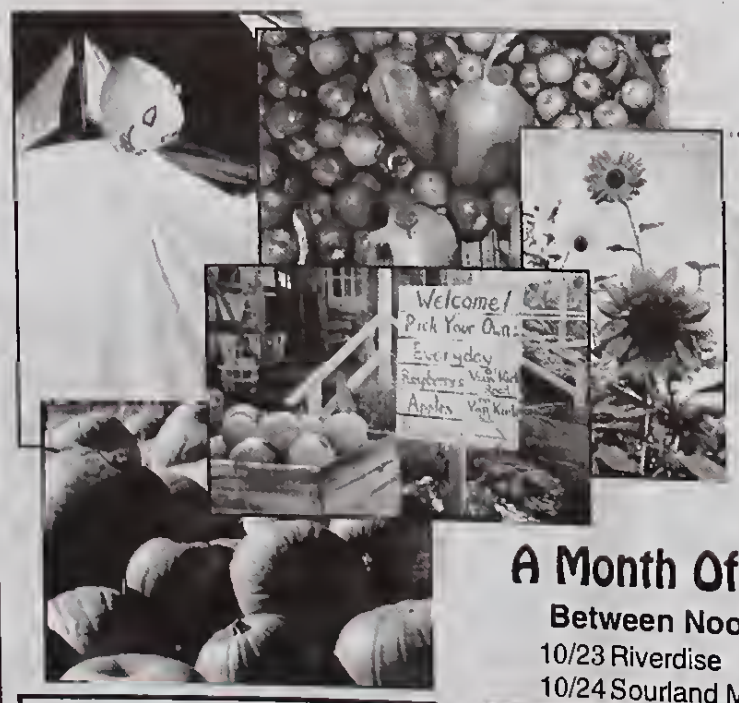

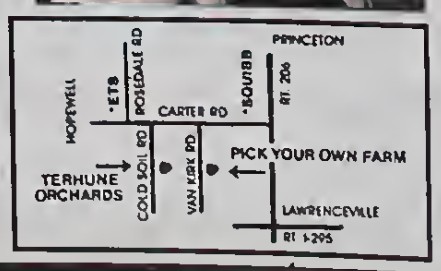

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Gas Jockey Arrested For Pumping Pelvis At Plainclothes Cop

A police sting bagged a gas station attendant who had been the subject of several complaints that he made sexual advances towards female customers at the Rocky Hill Mobil station at 840 State Road.

Jasvir Singh, 32, of 833 State Road was arrested at 9:40 p.m. October 13 after he pushed his crotch into the hand of an undercover policewoman, according to reports. He was charged with criminal sexual contact.

After receiving complaints of Singh's alleged lewd behavior, Township police sent officer Maria Walker to pose as a customer, while back up officers maintained surveillance.

Walker drove to the station and bought gas. As she was sitting in her car with her arm resting outside the window, Singh pushed his pelvic region into her arm, said police.

Speeding Plus

After being pulled over for speeding in a 1999 Audi on Princeton-Kingston Road Friday at 10 p.m., James Garito, 19, of Cranbury, was arrested and charged with drug possession, drug paraphernalia possession, driving while on illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs in a car, and speeding.

His passenger, a 17-year-old Township girl, was arrested and charged with being under the influence of illegal drugs and with having drug paraphernalia.

The officer on the stop smelled marijuana, and found two bags of the drug, two pipes, and rolling papers during a consent search, said police.

Shoplifters Snagged

Police arrested Tameka C. Walden-Johnson, 19, of John Street, and a 17-year-old girl on charges of, respectively, shoplifting and juvenile delinquency Monday at 6:15 at Sam Goody on Nassau Street. A store employee spotted the pair stealing compact discs and detained them until police arrived, according to reports. Walden-Johnson was released with a court date. The juvenile was released to her parents.

At Large

Somebody stole a 1977 Chevrolet van from the Lawrence Apartments parking lot between 5 p.m October 13 and 9 a.m. October 16. The victim is a Princeton University graduate student from New Mexico.

If Princeton University's football team looked a little meaner than usual in their win Saturday, they were probably fuming over the October 14 theft of more than $1000 from players' wallets left unattended in the locker room during practice.

Between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. on October 13, somebody entered an unlocked Acura parked in the Tulane West lot and stole $200, a coat, a sweater, a portable compact disc player, a daily planner and a brown leather purse — a haul valued at $445 by police.

Between 10 and 11:45 p.m. on that same night, somebody entered a Jeep, also unlocked, and stole a knapsack, clothing, a checkbook and prescription glasses, valued together at $175, by police.

Brodoff Reading To Take Place Oct. 28

On Thursday, October 28, Princeton author Ami Sands Brodoff will read from her new novel *Can You See Me?* at the Arts Council, 102 Witherspoon Street, at 8. The reading, originally scheduled for September 16, was postponed due to Hurricane Floyd.

An excerpt from the novel, which explores what happens when the person one loves the most falls prey to schizophrenia, was nominated for the Pushcart Prize. A reception will follow the reading.

Halloween Contra Dance At Princeton High School

Princeton Country Dancers will present Rum & Onions' Annual Halloween Contra Dance Saturday, October 30, at Princeton High School.

Dancing will begin at 3, to be followed by a potluck supper at 6 and a costume parade at 7:30. Dancing will continue to 11. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Everyone is asked to bring a substantial dish for supper and a dessert to share in the break. Beverages will be provided.

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Medical Center Sponsors Seminar On Bioterrorism

Richard Preston, Ph.D., bestselling author of *The Hot Zone* and *The Cobro Event*, will be one of the speakers at a seminar on bioterrorism to be held at Richardson Auditorium in Princeton University's Alexander Hall, on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:30.

Sponsored by the Medical Center at Princeton Foundation, in cooperation with the Regional Health Commission's professional education series, the seminar is entitled "Bad Things Come in Small Packages: Bioterror and Public Health at the New Millennium."

The seminar will mark the 80th anniversary of the Medical Center, founded in response to the great flu epidemic of 1919, which killed 20 million people worldwide.

Also participating in the seminar will be D. A. Henderson, M.D., who spearheaded the worldwide eradication of small pox. With Dr. Preston, he will discuss the prospect of a future smallpox epidemic caused by the intentional release of the virus by a terrorist group.

Smallpox, an explosively contagious airborne virus, was eliminated from the human species in 1979. It survives officially in only two repositories — at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and in the State Research Institute of Virology and Biotechnology in Siberia.

It is Dr. Preston's opinion, however, that the smallpox virus may also exist in clandestine laboratories in a number of countries around the world. Unfortunately, very little smallpox vaccine is still available; and the remaining supply has probably lost its effectiveness. Those who were vaccinated 20 years ago no longer retain any immunity to the disease.

Christine Grant, New Jersey commissioner of health and senior services, will introduce the seminar topic; Time magazine senior writer Michael Lemonick will moderate questions from the audience and will provide a summary of the presentation.

For more information about the lecture, which is free, call The Medical Center at Princeton Foundation, at 497-4190.

STUART MERIT: Six seniors at Stuart Country Day School honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program for their performance on the 1998 Preliminary SAT are, from left, Meg Ciavarella, Katherine McCullough, Emily Kim, Zoelene Hill, Annemarie Grandke, and Nellie Farrell.

Storyteller to Weave 'Tales by Candlelight'

In the spirit of Hallowe-en, The Princeton Public Library will present "Dark Tales by Candlelight," a shivery serving of spooky tales told by "Storyweaver" Yvonne Ceaser.

The program, for ages 6 and up, takes place on Wednesday, October 27, from 7:30 to 8:15 in the children's room of the library.

"Storyweaver" has captivated audiences of all ages with participation stories, fairy tales and fables, creative dramatics, poetry, fingerplays and more in workshops and performances at dozens of schools and libraries statewide.

A member of state and national storytelling organizations including the National Association of Black Storytellers, "Storyweaver" Yvonne Ceaser is also an assistant Children's Librartan at the Franklin Township Library.

Stuart Students Cited By National Merit Corp.

Six seniors at Stuart Country Day School have been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program for their performance on the 1998 Preliminary SAT.

Meg Clavarella, Nellie Farrell, and Emily Kim have been named semifinalists, making them eligible to continue in the competition for one of 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered in the spring. Less than 1 percent of the nearly 1.2 million students in U.S. high schools who took the test were designated semifinalists.

Annemarie Grandke and Katherine McCullough were named "Commended Scholars" for their placement among the top 5 percent of students who took the test.

Zoelene Hill was designated a Commended Scholar in the Achievement Program, for scoring in the top 5 percent of more than 100,000 black Americans who took the test. The names of commended students are sent to about 1,600 four-year colleges and universities.

Trial of Socrates to Be Lecture Topic at Rider

Josiah Ober, Magie Professor of Ancient History and chair of the Princeton University department of classics, will deliver the eighth annual Emanuel Levine History Lecture at Rider University, on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:30, in the Anne Brossman Swetgart Hall Auditorium.

The lecture, "The Trial of Citizen Socrates, 399 B.C.," is free and open to the public.

Dr. Ober has written and edited several books and articles on Athens, including *The Athenian Revolution* (1996), *Demokratia: A Conversation on Democracies, Ancient and Modern* (1996), and *Mass and Elite in Democratic Athens: Rhetoric, Ideology and the Power of the People* (1989). His current research focuses on Greek political thought and rhetoric.

Dr. Ober has served as the classics department chair since 1993. He is a trustee and member of the editorial board of Princeton University Press.

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- Chair, Human Services Commission, Civil Rights Committee

ALAN HEGEDUS FOR COUNCIL

- Retired senior executive with experience managing over 30 businesses for General Electric, Philips Electronics, Foster Wheeler and MascoTech
- Broad engineering and financial background applied to improving organizational effectiveness
- Princeton United Way Chairman – 1983, 1984

KATE WARREN FOR COUNCIL

- Chair, Borough Housing Authority
- President, Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary
- 1997, 1998 Packet candidate endorsement
- Princeton resident for 31 years, active in broad range of community affairs

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TRENTON ROUNDUP

Handgun Law Passes

Last week, New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman signed into law a bill that will require all handguns sold in the state to come with either a trigger lock or a lock box, starting January 1. The law will not apply to rifles or shotguns.

The bill, which applies only to sales by licensed dealers, makes New Jersey the fourth state in the nation to pass such a law. The other states are Massachusetts, Connecticut, and California.

Gun-control advocates say that the new law is a step in the right direction, but that its effectiveness will still depend on whether gun owners are responsible enough to use the locks at all times.

Flood Assistance

The state Senate will vote on October 25 on a bill, sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco (R-Scotch Plains), that would tap the state's "rainy day fund" to help Tropical Storm Floyd victims in New Jersey.

The plan would offer $50 million in grants, loans, and property tax deferrals for flood victims. It would also provide $20 million in aid to help farmers stricken by the summer drought. Another $10 million would assist towns and cover operating costs.

The measure is a last-resort aid package for those whose losses are not covered by private insurance or the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Governor Christine Whitman supports the bill, which was approved by the Senate and Assembly budget committees on Monday.

Brownfield Development

In 1998, New Jersey passed a law that helped pave the way for brownfield industrial development by protecting buyers from lawsuits related to past pollution by other companies. The land must, of course, meet current standards.

To date, about 1,000 of the state's 8,000 known contaminated sites have been developed or are under consideration for development.

"You don't have to get everything out of the ground to guard against health hazards," according to Ronald Bruder, president of the Brookhill development group, which has developed brownfield sites throughout the country.

Bill Wolfe, policy director for the Sierra Club of New Jersey, says that the law "allows a nonpermanent remedy where we prefer a permanent one." Other environmentalists contend that leaving pollutants underground may pose a long-term threat to drinking water.

Public Records Law

New Jersey legislators have proposed strengthening the state's Open Public Records Law, but their plan would still keep much information about state workers secret.

Awaiting hearing before committees in the Senate and Assembly, the proposal would allow the public to look at any government documents not required to be kept on file, such as photographs and e-mail.

Formal restrictions on personnel records date back to 1963, when Governor Richard Hughes issued an executive order that forbade the release of any information about public workers. The purpose was to balance the public's right to know against "the risk of unintentional harm or injustice to individuals." Critics contend that public interest at times should outweigh the need for privacy.

The current law mandates public access to non-personnel documents that must be kept on file, such as budgets or minutes of public meetings.

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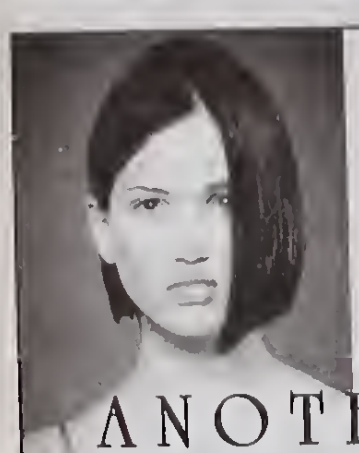

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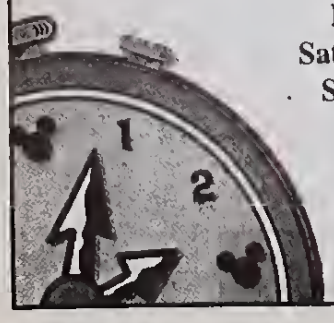

Isn't It Time For A Disney Vacation?

NAME CHANGE: The MSM Regional Council's board of directors plans to propose at the group's annual dinner on November 4, that the organization's name be changed to The Regional Planning Partnership. Unveiling the new logo are, from left, Carol Beske, board chair; Gail Eagle, board member and marketing committee chair; and Dianne Brake, MSM Regional Council president. For information, call 452-1717.

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CALENDAR *Of the Week*

Wednesday, October 20

4:30 p.m.: Poets Ciaran Carson and Carolyn Forche reading from their work; James M. Stewart '32 Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Princeton University creative writing program.

7-7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, TV Channel 30A; Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand with guest Saskia Webber, goalie, world championship soccer team. Re-run of show first broadcast in July 1999.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Minority Education Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Human Services Board, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Composers' Ensemble at Princeton; Taplin Auditorium.

8-10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall).

Thursday, October 21

5 p.m.: Adrienne Rich, reading from her works; McCosh 50, Princeton University campus.

8 p.m.: Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Educating Rito*; Theatre-Intime, Hamilton-Murray Theatre, Princeton University campus. Also Friday at 8 and Saturday at 2 and 8.

Friday, October 22

12:30 p.m.: Princeton University Museum Gallery Talk, "Now You See It, Now You Don't: Watercolor Conservation," by Barbra Meierhusby, rare book conservator. Also, on Sunday, at 3.

8 p.m.: Opening night, Wilde's *The Importonce of Being Eornest*; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday at 4 and 8:30, Sunday at 2.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8.

8 p.m.: *Cheotin' Heorts*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30.

8:30 p.m.: Unity Month Middle School Dance, John Witherspoon Middle School, Walnut Lane. Sponsored by Princeton Task Force on Ethics.

Saturday, October 23

11 a.m.: Princeton University Gallery Talk for Children; "Let's Sketch," by Museum docent Enea Tierno.

8 p.m.: Maureen McGovern, The Rodgers and Hammerstein Songbook; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Sunday, October 24

3 p.m.: Cultural Heritage Celebration; American Boychoir School, Lambert Drive.

4 p.m. "Music Inspired by Art, Literature and Song"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

7 p.m.: Westminster Community Orchestra; Richardson Audltorium.

Monday, October 25
Recycling Pickup

8 p.m.: Short Trip Home; McCarter Theatre.

Tuesday, October 26

8 p.m.: Carmen Lyon Ballet; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Do I Heor o Woltz?*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday at 8, Thursday at 7, Friday and Saturday at 2 and 8, Sunday at 2.

Wednesday, October 27

7-7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, Channel 30A, Mayor Reed and Police Sergeant D. McManimon discuss domestic violence. Live, call-in, 252-2365.

Thursday, October 28

8 p.m.: Oscar Wilde's *The Importonce of Being Eornest*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 8, Saturday at 4 and 8:30, Sunday at 2 and 7:30.

Friday, October 29

7 p.m.: Big Band Dance; Princeton High School.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Poe — The Fall of the House of Usher*; Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 3 and 8, Sunday at 3.

8 p.m.: Masters of 20th Century Ballet; State theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Cheotin' Heorts*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30

Saturday, October 30

8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Don Giovanni*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 20 - Wednesday, October 27

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108

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Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
10:45 a.m. Line Dancing; SPatC.
1:00 p.m. Healthy Bones; SPatC.
1:30 p.m. Blood Pressure; Spruce.
3:30 p.m. Let's Talk Too!; Spruce.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Shopping. Call 924-710B.
10:00 a.m. Joy of Yoga; SPatC.
10:00 a.m. Interaction Theatre; Clay Street Learning Center.
12:30 p.m. Pinochle; SPatC.
1:00-3:30 p.m. Mixed Media Art; SPatC.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. S.H.I.P.; Spruce. 924-710B for app't.
10:30 a.m. Ping Pong; SPatC.
6:30 p.m. Bingo; Elm Ct.
Saturday: 12 noon: First Baptist Church Luncheon at the church. Call 924-2302 by 10/19.
12 noon-1:00 p.m. YWCA senior swim program.
Monday: 10:45 a.m. Flexercise with Joce; Spruce.
1:00 p.m. Healthy Bones, SPatC.
1:00-2:30 p.m. Many Voices - Redding.
3-4:30 p.m. Computer – Balancing a Check Book, Valley Road Bldg (#1) $16/4 sessions.
6:30 p.m. Bingo; Elm Ct.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi; SPatC.
11:30 a.m. Spanish; Spruce.
12:30-4:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPatC.
1:00-3:00 p.m. "Women who Made an Impression in the World" with Prof. George Ingenbrandt; Spruce.
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
10:45 a.m. Line Dancing; SPatC.
1:00 p.m. Healthy Bones; SPatC.
3:30 p.m. Let's Talk Too!; Spruce.

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News of Clubs and Organizations

Watershed Association Offers a Haunted Hike

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, is offering "Halloween Haunted Hike" for families (children must be 8 years old and accompanied by an adult) and adults on Friday, October 29 at 7.

Participants will take an eerie lantern walk through the dark trails of the Watershed Reserve. Along the way they will encounter witches and warlocks, jack-o-lanterns and lost spirits.

The program includes folklore about Halloween and spine-tingling ghost stories around a magical brew. In addition there will be hot cider, popcorn, and some ghoulish treats around a glowing fire.

For information, call 737-7592.

Princeton Business and Professional Women (BPW) will co-sponsor an expo and seminar for working women, on Monday, October 25, at the Holiday Inn, Route 1 and Ridge Road. The event will begin at 5 with the Expo, featuring products and services. At 6:30, a panel discussion on ways for women to advance in their careers or start their own businesses will take place.

There is no charge for the evening, presented as part of National Business Women's Week. Co-sponsors are the Hightstown/East Windsor BPW, The Trenton Times, and the Holiday Inn.

For more information and reservations, call Michele Morris, at 538-4540.

The non-profit **Princeton Singles** for ages 55-plus, will go on a hike on Saturday, October 30, starting at 10. Meet at the Winepress in Kingston. There will be an optional brunch following the hike.

For further information, call 896-1170.

The **American Association of Retired Persons** (AARP) will hold a 55 Alive Defensive Driver course at the South Brunswick Public Library on Monday and Tuesday, October 25 and 26, from 10 to 3, with a lunch break.

Upon completion of the course, students will receive certificates of completion, entitling them to 5 percent discounts on the major portion of their automobile insurance premiums for three years. Also, if applicable, two points will be deducted from the motor vehicle records of students.

AARP membership is not required for participation, but students must pre-register. The cost is $8, payable by check to the AARP. Instruction will take place only in class; and no written tests are administered.

For more information, or to register, call Don Robins, at 395-1061.

David Wald, chief New Jersey political reporter for the Newark Star-Ledger, will address members of **55PLUS** on Thursday, October 21, at 10.

Mr. Wald's presentation — less than two weeks before the November election — will take place at the Princeton Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street.

More information on 55PLUS activities is available on the organization's home page, at http://www.princetonol.com/groups/55plus/index.html.

Support Sources

Penta Hearing Care, 33 State Road, will conduct a special one-time series of free hearing health screenings during the week of October 25, from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday.

The screenings are provided as a public service by the center's professional staff, and are designed to measure the degree and type of hearing loss of people over 50.

To schedule a screening, call 924-0534.

Classes in **Pre-Natal Yoga** — one of the safest ways for a woman to stay in shape during pregnancy — meet every Tuesday at Simply Yoga, Kingston Mall, from 3:30 to 5.

Classes are ongoing; and students may join at any time. The fee is $15 per class, or $120 for a 10-class pass.

For more information, call teacher Claude Winn, at 688-1154; or Simply Yoga, at 924-7751.

Researchers from five biotechnology and pharmaceutical firms involved in the search for a treatment for **ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)**, will gather on October 30, at 10, at the Inn at Penn, 3600 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, to discuss the status of research efforts and to answer questions from the public.

The forum will include representatives from the federal Food & Drug Administration, as well as from major pharmaceutical firms. Dr. Hiroshi Mitsumoto, director of the Eleanor and Lou Gehrig MDA/ALS Center at the Neurological Institute, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, will moderate.

For more information, call the ALS Association at (215) 643-5434.

An interactive workshop focusing on the impact that children with learning disabilities and/or attention deficit disorder have on family dynamics will take place on Saturday, October 23, from 9 to 12, at Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, 20 Roszel Road.

The workshop, sponsored by the **Newgrange Educational Outreach Center**, will feature Deborah Batchelor, a licensed psychologist with more than 20 years' experience working with children and their families.

The cost is $30 per couple; $20 for individuals. For more information, call 924-6204.

A three-part series for parents and educators, focusing on preparing adolescents with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder for the transition from high school to post-high school options, will take place at the Pennington School, 112 West Delaware Avenue, Pennington, starting October 20. Meeting on three consecutive Wednesdays from 7 to 9, the sessions will be co-sponsored by the **Newgrange Educational Resource Center** and the **Pennington School.**

The series will begin with presentations from college professionals and will conclude with a panel of college students who have successfully made the transition. Students will be invited to the panel on November 3.

The cost of the three sessions will be $75 for couples; $45, for individuals. For more information, call 924-6204.

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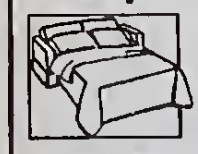
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ROTARY WELCOME: Psychologist Susan Edwards welcomes Jonathan Spergel, M.D., right, pediatric immunologist, allergist and director of the Pediatric Asthma Center, Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Princeton. Dr. Spergel is opening a local specialty care center on Alexander Road. At left is Joseph Claffey, development director of The Hun School, who was treated at Philadelphia Children's Hospital as a youngster.

Clubs

Continued from Preceding Page

On Thursday, October 28, at 10:30, the **Neshanic Garden Club** will hold its new member tea at The Station House, Olive Street, Neshanic Station. The event will be open to anyone interested in garden club membership.

Master Gardener Constantine Kallas will deliver a lecture and make a slide presentation on growing rhododendrons.

For more information, call 466-3266.

The **Millstone Valley Chorus** will hold a yard sale on Saturday, October 23, from 8 to 3, adjacent to the Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Kingston. A variety of items from the households of more than 35 families will be for sale. Proceeds will be used to support Chorus activities throughout the 1999-2000 season.

The Millstone Valley Chorus is a women's chorus that sings four-part harmony barbershop style. It performs throughout central New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania; and new members are always welcome.

Rehearsals are held every Monday evening at the Princeton Forrestal Food Court. For more information, call 275-8632, or (732) 297-9211.

The **United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks** will hold its annual Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Event at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton on Thursday, October 28.

Women are invited to participate in the "Day of Art and Inspiration" for contributors to the annual Women's Campaign. Chaired by Marsha Freeman and Betty Raam, the day will provide participants with an opportunity to enjoy themselves while reaching their goal of raising funds for community needs.

To open the event, a continental breakfast will be served at 9:30, at the Green Acres Country Club. Attorney Patrica U. Herst, a shareholder in the Princeton firm Goldstein & Herst, will speak. Ms. Herst, whose practice is focused on estate planning and Elder Law, is vice president and a member of the Jewish Family and Children's Services board of directors.

A private, docent-led tour of the grounds will be followed by luncheon served at the Green Acres Country Club. Attorney Ann-Louise Kleper will speak on issues pertinent to women in fundraising today. Ms. Kleper is chair of the National Women's Constituency of United Jewish Communities. She is a partner in the Chicago law firm of Lewis, Davidson and Hetherington Ltd.

For information and reservations, call Linda Cohen, at 219-0555.

The **Princeton Senior Resource Center** will hold a six-week workshop designed to help participants ease their way through the nutrition maze, starting on November 5.

The workshop will meet on Fridays, from 10:30 to 11:30, in the Redding Circle community room. There is no fee.

Led by Joan Concannon, R.N., "Eating for Pleasure, Eating for Health" will focus on the basics of good nutrition in the preparation of easy meals for one. The first session will cover the subject of calorie needs, serving sizes, nutrition labels, and RDAs.

Discussions during subsequent weeks will focus on lowering sodium intake to prevent or control hypertension; lowering fat and cholesterol; calcium, vitamin D, and preventing osteoporosis. Supplements and fiber will be discussed, as will the prevention of common diseases through good nutrition. Easy recipes and tips will be part of the workshop.

For more information and to register, call 924-7108.

On Saturday, October 23, the **Washington Crossing Audubon Society** will sponsor a trip to Peace Valley Park in Bucks County. The trip leader will be Mark Witmer.

Mercer Park Central is a 2500-acre public park with fields, forests, and a 300-acre freshwater lake. Participants will walk for two to three hours along Mercer Lake. They should bring binoculars and field guides, and dress for the weather.

Directions: Enter the park from Hughes Drive or Old Trenton Road (Route 535). Meet at the parking lot for the boathouse. For information call 730-0826.

Senior Citizens Club Seeks New Members

The Princeton Senior Citizens Club is currently holding its fall membership drive. Regular meetings are held the second and last Friday of every month in the Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall), at 1. The club features social activities, guest speakers, special functions, bus trips, and games. Refreshments are always served.

Dues are $5 per year. Those who join now will continue their memberships through the year 2000. New members are invited to a welcoming meeting on October 29, where lasagne, a beverage, and dessert will be served.

For more information, call Ruth Lester, at 683-5020.

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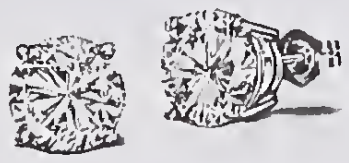

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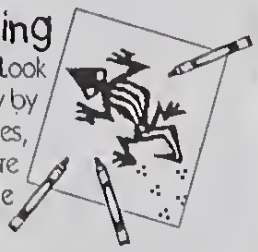

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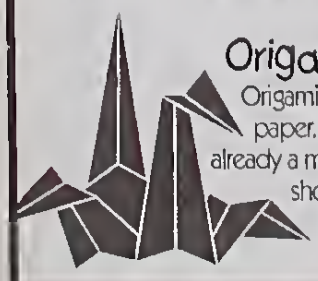

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A Parking Garage Would Subsidize Merchants & Create Financial Risk for Borough Taxpayers

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Following is a letter to Mayor Reed and members of Princeton Borough Council.

Breathes there the merchant with soul so dead who never to himself has said, "If only I could get more people to come by my store..."? And in Princeton Borough the answer seems to be, more parking equals more people, so it is easy for a merchant to conclude that the Borough should build a parking garage.

In 1986, I attended a meeting of the Princeton Borough Economic Development Commission as the only Borough resident present who was not a merchant, businessman or municipal representative. At this meeting it was clear that the merchants wanted the Borough to own and operate such a parking garage. When I suggested that perhaps the Borough could sell the land to a merchant group and have them design and build the garage, set fees, allocate employee parking and operate the garage, there was absolutely no enthusiasm among the merchants. This, despite the fact that 32 of the then 35 merchant members lived outside of the Borough and could personally benefit from the convenience of pre-designated parking spots.

As businessmen, they should have welcomed the opportunity to bring in more local foot traffic and to make some income from the garage, yet they did not. Did their lack of interest arise from the belief that such a garage would be a money-losing proposition or at least a very risky venture? Were they concerned that the mortgage costs and operating expenses could not be covered by parking fee income? Or were they concerned that the first person mugged or raped inside the garage would sue the owner and collect an enormous judgment? If any of these concerns have merit, why should the Borough taxpayers assume these risks?

If additional parking were available, any additional business profit would soon be offset by higher store rents. But if no additional parking were built, there will be no diminution in the queue of businessmen wanting to open a store if the rents are right. There is no need to subsidize the merchants and landlords, at substantial financial risk to Borough taxpayers, by building a parking garage.

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Coventry Farm Is the Last Parcel Left To Accommodate Recreational Fields

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

The Hillier Group's application to the Planning Board to develop the Coventry farm should be denied. Not one variance or zoning change of any kind should be allowed.

Princeton is in desperate need of active recreation space. Coventry Farm is the last large parcel of land left that will allow Princeton to build a large recreation park. Over the past 10 years, there has been a tremendous amount of building in the Township. School enrollment has increased over 41 percent, and it will increase more in the next two or three years.

A partial list of new subdivisions include Heatherstone, Russell Estates, Griggs Farm, White Farm, Ettl Farm, Foulet Drive, The Preserve, North Ridge, Governor's Lane, Maybury, Washington Oaks, Fitch Way, and Bouvant Drive. Toll Brothers has recently purchased the Johnson property on Rosedale Road across the street from Ettl Farm and is planning to build another 60 to 70 Ettl Farm type houses. Pulte has begun its new 115 house subdivision on Cherry Valley Road. These two new subdivisions will add another 300 or more children into our school system and athletic programs.

We have all this building over the past 10 years, greatly increasing the number of children in Princeton, but we have not had a corresponding increase in athletic or school facilities. The Pulte development was the low point in planning for new active recreation space. Our governing bodies and the Planning Board permitted variances and zoning changes that doubled the number of houses that Pulte was able to build, in exchange for a soccer field that does not have irrigation, and that will not be available for use by most Princeton residents, including organized youth sports, and the new children who will move into the Pulte subdivision.

The new children moving into Pulte will have to travel to other areas of Princeton to play youth sports on fields that are already overcrowded and have no more room. The Planning Board director estimated that for each new home built at Pulte there will be at least 1.5 children moving in or over 170 children. 170 new children will create 10 more baseball and softball teams, and 10 more soccer teams.

To run successful youth programs, facilities are needed. Facilities cannot be built unless land is acquired. It is incumbent upon our governing bodies to acquire more land to provide these facilities. The recent building boom of the past 10 years has been a financial bonanza for developers. The zoning changes at Pulte to allow twice as many homes gave Pulte a cost of $20,000 per lot. Pulte may make $20 million on the subdivision. The Ettl farm subdivision was a bonanza for Toll Brothers, as its new proposed Johnson subdivision will be.

Toll Brothers bought the Ettl Farm for a low price from the Resolution Trust Corporation after the initial builder and original lender went bankrupt. Toll Brothers must have made over $30 million on the project. The Coventry Farm project will likewise be a financial bonanza to the Hillier Group. Hillier's houses target well-to-do adults over age 55 and start at $550,000. It is not the type of affordable senior housing needed in Princeton. The issue here is whether the governing bodies are going to support millionaires and well-to-do people at the expense of all the children in Princeton and the average Princeton resident who would benefit from a new recreation park and improved facilities.

The Little League baseball and softball divisions had 44 teams in 1999. In the year 2000, there will be 50 teams. In the past three years participation has doubled from just over 300 to more than 600 children. Teams play two games a week and practice once a week. Three fields without lights at Grover Park does not accommodate 50 teams. Add in the four fields at Community Park that are shared with high school, middle school, business, church and adult leagues and there still is not enough space. Land must be acquired for new facilities.

JAMES F. MAHON JR.
Province Line Road

Neither Housing or Playing Fields Should Spoil Coventry Farm Land

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I am responding to the recent letter by the Joint Recreation Board in regard to the proposed development of Coventry Farm land. While I and many other Princeton residents are opposed to more housing development of pristine farmland, I am equally opposed to taking this space for more playing fields. What does this mean anyway: Basketball courts, baseball and soccer fields? Would that venue not create similar congestion, traffic and noise?

The Great Road is overtaxed with traffic at the present. If the lands at the farm should fall to development, whatever it may be, must there not be a consideration of the residents who live along that road? From a strictly selfish position I would say to the Joint Recreation Board: Why not an Indoor Swimming Complex that could be utilized all year round instead of seasonal sporting venues. Princeton is certainly not in step with other cities which have lower tax bases in terms of that type of facilities.

I hope that neither of the proposals will be considered. The Coventry Farm Land is one of the most beautiful spaces left in our immediate area. It is inconceivable that it could soon be turned into building lots or playing fields. I shudder at the thought of looking at another "Ettl Farm" disaster.

INGRID ROBERTSHAW
Heather Lane

Arts Council Welcomes Offer to Resolve Design Issues With the Planning Board

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Following is a copy of a letter sent to Wendo Gunning, Chair of the Princeton Regional Planning Board.

Thank you for your letter of October 5, renewing the Board's offer to convene a subcommittee to try and resolve the issues which have arisen over our proposed renovation and new construction. We welcome this proposal, and look forward to moving ahead promptly to implement it.

We would like to designate Suzanne Goldenson, Anne Reeves, Rev. John White, Tom Rowe and Peter Bienstock as the Arts Council's representatives.

A couple of points which may help the subcommittee frame the discussion:

1) There is clearly still a gulf between our perception of the degree to which our plans have been modified to take into account neighborhood, community and Board concerns and your own. To help clarify that matter, we include a letter from Michael Graves and Associates enumerating design changes made over the last 2½ years precisely to meet such concerns.

- *A drive through lane between Paul Robeson Place and Green Street was provided in an effort to reduce traffic in the adjacent neighborhood.*
- *The building's bulk and height was reduced by eliminating the half flight of exterior stair at the intersection and reducing the floor area by approximately 10 percent.*
- *The building was redesigned to provide an on grade entrance plaza area with built-in seating to facilitate pedestrian and disabled access from the Robeson/Witherspoon corner.*
- *Eliminated access to the service yard from Green Street and established a landscaped buffer between the Arts Council property and the neighboring lot.*
- *Lowered the "lantern" by 4'6" to prevent light "spill" on the residential properties.*
- *Designated an automobile drop-off area on Paul Robeson Place approximately 120' west of the intersection at Witherspoon Street.*
- *Relocated the west wall of the addition two feet to the east.*

2) We agree with your comments relating to parking, and we hope to present some suggestions which may help alleviate concerns. But we were distressed at the reaction at your meeting when we told your Board of our having explored use of spaces in the Maclean Street lot. We were in effect accused of misrepresenting having met with a committee of Borough Council on this subject. In fact, our representatives Anne Reeves and Suzanne Goldenson attended a meeting of the Public Works Committee at the substitute Borough Hall on Mercer Street on Tuesday, March 16, at which Carl Peters, a representative of the Police Department, the Fire Safety Marshall, Council member Goldfarb, and Reeves Hicks, Esq. were present.

At that meeting our representatives explored leasing spaces in the lot; and received positive reaction from the committee. Subsequently Council member Goldfarb visited the lot with our representatives, and identified an area which would be ideal for our use after the new housing is constructed on another part of the present lot.

We would hope that the proceedings of the subcommittee now being convened will presume honesty and good faith on the part of all parties.

As we have said before, the Arts Council is at a crucial juncture. Its capital campaign has been crippled by uncertainty. It believes it has an expanding role to play in a healthy, growing community. It must know whether it will be able to play that role at its chosen site. We urge your Board to convene the subcommittee as soon as possible so that the outstanding issues can be resolved and we can move ahead, in the interests of the Arts Council and of the Princeton community.

SUZANNE GOLDENSON
President, Arts Council of Princeton
ANNE REEVES
Executive Director, Arts Council
PETER BIENSTOCK
Capital Campaign Chair, Arts Council

Parking Garage Bad Idea for a Library That Is Increasingly Less Inviting

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Parking Garage Again! it's still a bad idea. For starters: a little open space (the present Library parking lot) in the CBD is refreshing. And, as Mr. Martindell pointed out in his letter, parking garages are a criminal attraction. From that standpoint (as an avid Library user who must drive there) it would be a bit more palatable if every level had a door directly into the Library, so one didn't have to do steps or use an elevator.

I should think, though, that the jitney idea for employees would be worth a try, and surely much less costly than the (possibly) $5 million parking garage. A modest charge would be easier on the pocketbook for the users than all-day parking charges. And we could still have the street-level parking lot by the Library.

Addendum: Although, now that it's turning into something less than a Library — with cold metal everywhere, in place of warm brown wood, and eye-bedeviling machines instead of neat white cards, and a recorded telephone menu to greet you when you call instead of a friendly voice — I may not be so much of a user in the future.

MARGET PACK
Cherry Hill Road

Public Has a Right to Assemble In Hall It Just Paid to Renovate

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Upon hearing that the personnel of the Borough Hall had denied a request for use of the large meeting room for a public forum, I was greatly disturbed.

Borough Hall is not their building; it is our building, yours and mine. Even though we coughed up the $4.3 million for recent renovations, it is my understanding that we will not be permitted to hold public meetings in any upstairs location.

I call upon all Princetonians to watch the papers for details of the October 27 forum and join together to show support for the right of the public to assemble in their building.

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Two Bees in a Bonnet: Dirty Sidewalks And a Dangerous Rt. 206 Intersection

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Two bees in the Bank Street bonnet this week:

1. As though those *hideous* newspaper vending eyesores were not bad enough — and they are — much of the north side Nassau Street sidewalk is *filthy*, littered day after day with cigarette butts, chewing gum blobs, candy wrappers, stray plastic bags, soda bottles, coffee cups, the occasional half-chewed (rubbery?) pizza crust.

When I have visitors from out of town or, *a fortiori*, from abroad, I steer them to the south sidewalk, along the campus, which is uneven but at least clean enough to obviate outright embarrassment,

Many towns have ordinances requiring store owners to keep their sidewalks clean, thankless though the task may be, but I guess the Borough does not, or does but doesn't bother to enforce it.

2. Is there a State quota of deaths injuries, and demolished vehicles that must be fulfilled before a traffic light (with southbound left-turn lane and signal) can be installed where Ewing Street meets 206? There seems to be a serious accident there about once a month, yet nothing is ever done to ensure the safety of this intersection. I avoid it altogether and take Mount Lucas and Herrontown.

LUCILLE B. GAIGNAULT
Bank Street

Borough Should Make Improvements To Bad Hamilton/Linden Intersection

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I wonder how many more accidents it will take before the Borough of Princeton recognizes, reacts and takes positive and preventive measures concerning the dangerous intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Linden Lane.

There are no stop signs or stoplights on Hamilton Avenue between Witherspoon Street and Harrison Street and the traffic is heavy and drivers drive too fast when approaching the Linden Lane intersection. The engineering and configuration of Hamilton Avenue in front of the Choir College makes it impossible to view oncoming traffic.

Residents have been concerned and involved, but no action has been taken by the Borough to control this hazardous intersection. Hamilton Avenue has become a thoroughfare and direct route for ambulances and fire trucks which is a cruel irony. I would suggest more caution signs and a four-way stop at this intersection. I do hope the Borough will address this issue with the proper prompt attention it deserves before a fatality occurs.

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Goal of Mercer County Deer Alliance Peaceful Co-Existence With All Animals

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

A doe and her two fawns come out of the brush to eat the hay and corn that has been put out for them. As they begin their meal, they are interrupted by a hail of bullets. Two die immediately; the third drags herself into the brush and slowly bleeds to death.

This scene will be repeated over and over in suburban communities if the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife has its way. The Division is pressing the state legislature to pass laws allowing suburban communities with deer problems to hire wildlife management companies to shoot whole families of deer, including the fawns, as they eat the food put out for them as bait. From tree tops and from moving vehicles, snipers would slaughter the deer using rifles, scopes, infrared lights, and silencers. This would be done only hundreds of feet from our homes and in the surrounding parks and open spaces where we walk, run, and play. Princeton Township is considering the killing of 1,000 deer. The cost to Princeton taxpayers would be $400 per deer killed.

This huge outlay won't do anything to solve our principal problem: the number of car-deer collisions. Every summer, after the previous fall and winter hunt, there would be more food available to the surviving deer; so the deer herd would then breed back into the population a number about equal to the number that had been killed, as it always has! Every fall the resumption of hunting would cause a sharp increase in car-deer collisions, as it always has! Hunting season is when most car-deer collisions occur, as frightened deer move about trying to escape the pursuit, inevitably crossing more and more highways. More dead deer wouldn't buy us any fewer collisions.

In contrast, Mercer County Deer Alliance (MCDA) is working on solutions without bloodshed. We are working on the following alternatives:

• installation of headlight reflectors along targeted roadways to drastically reduce nighttime car-deer collisions

• public education on effective landscaping techniques to minimize shrub damage and the use of fencing to stop farm crop damage

• research in, and use of, deer fertility control instead of rifles.

MCDA is a nonprofit organization that supports safe, effective, and nonlethal methods for resolving conflicts between human and deer populations. MCDA opposes the needless killing of animals. Our goal is peaceful co-existence with all animals.

Assemblyman Reed Gusciora (D-15) introduced Assembly Bill 3023 which provides funding for deer fertility research and roadside headlight reflectors. This bill is currently in the Appropriations Committee. Please call or write the chairman of this committee, Richard H. Bagger (R-22). Let him know that you are in favor of A-3023 and request that he post the bill for consideration. Contact him at 203 Elm Street, Westfield 07090, phone (908) 232-3673 or e-mail: RHBagger@worldnet.att.net.

If you would like more information about MCDA, please write to PO Box 1261, Princeton 08542-1261.

NANCY T. BOWMAN
Mercer County Deer Alliance Director
Oak Creek Road, East Windsor

Refusal of Use of Council Room Is Unacceptable and Outrageous

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

In my letter of October 7, I requested use of the Princeton Borough Hall facility, specifically the Council meeting room, for purposes of an open town meeting. Your rejection of this request and the proposed alternative, i.e. the use of the basement employee lunch room and file storage area is both unacceptable and outrageous. The citizens of our community have a right to meet, listen to fellow citizens express their views, and to enjoy the amenities provided by their own town hall. And that is true for all citizens, whatever their political persuasions.

The taxpaying residents of Princeton Borough have not invested $4.3 million of tax money to construct a private preserve of the ruling class known as Borough Council and mayor! It is unthinkable that this now expanded facility, including the video and audio capability of the Council meeting room, will not be made available to legitimate public use. Your refusal is both incomprehensible and shameful.

I note that there was not one argument put forth by you that belies any reasonable consideration of the matter; it can only be concluded that the arrogance of our elected and appointed officials extends even to matters of the most fundamental public interest. Be advised that we do not accept the proposed use of the basement, and we will go forward with plans for the town meeting. Obstructionism as practiced by our incumbent officials will be exposed for public view and added to the growing list of malfeasance in office.

The ottoched letter has been sent to R. Bruschi, the odministrotor of Princeton Borough, ond Morvin Reed, the moyor.

Princeton Borough residents ond taxpoyers deserve to know of the political obstructionism being procticed by their elected locol representotives. The following letter gives further evidence of the orrogonce too long practiced ond too infrequently brought to the ottention of the voting public.

PAT STRAZZA, Municipal Chair
Princeton Borough Republic Committee

Historical Society's Annual Benefit Raises Nearly Quarter of Its Budget

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

We would like to thank many area residents for their help and support for the Historical Society's October 16 benefit.The annual event raises between 20 and 25 percent of our operating budget, and is critical to the success of our educational programming, our museum exhibitions, and the operation of our library.

We are grateful to our hosts, Regent's Mead, for allowing our members and guests an opportunity to view an unusual and beautiful structure, the manor house formerly known as the convent of Our Lady of Princeton.

We appreciate the generosity of our corporate sponsors who underwrote much of the cost of the benefit: Archer & Greiner, The Glenmede Trust Company of New Jersey, PNC Bank, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Merrill Lynch, Stein Roe & Farnham, Summit Bank, Bloomberg Financial Markets, Church & Dwight Co., Inc., Princeton Construction Group, and U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey. Other businesses who made substantial in-kind contributions include Ellsworth's Liquors, PickQuick Papers, Gardens by Design; Special Events by LeFleur, The Princeton Flower Shop; Steven S. Cohen, architect; and Christopher Bean, graphic designer. We are also grateful to Emily Croll for lecturing on the building's architect, Rolf Bauhan.

Our deepest gratitude goes to all of our benefactors, patrons, guests, and individual contributors who were associated with this year's event. The 60 individuals, families and businesses who contributed to our Silent Auction generated a great deal of support, good will and enjoyment for those who attended.

Among the businesses who participated are: Alchemist & Barrister, Ann Taylor, Ashton Whyte, Blue Point Grill, Evan Botwick & Michael Smyth; Boxworks, Creative Interiors, Doral Forrestal, Eastern Mountain Sports, Ferry House, Forest Jewelers, Garden Landscape Associates, Garden Cinema, Great Impressions, H. Gross & Co., Habidicor, Hamilton Jeweler, Jaeger, Jann's Sweet Shop, J.E. Caldwell Jewelers, Jones Soda Co., Knits & Pieces, Lahiere's, La Jolie, Le Sportsac, Lear & Pannepacker CPAs, LLP, Little Taste of Cuba, Luttmann's, McCaffrey's, Mediterra, Metropolis Spa & Salon, Micawber Books, Nassau Inn, Nassau Interiors, Peyton & Associates, Pizza Colore, P.J.'s Pancake House, Premiere Magazine, PNC Bank, The Princeton Flower Shop, Sally Lunn's Tearoom, Shear Hair Design, Smith & Hawkin, Starbucks, Thomas Sweet, Triumph Brewing Co., and Williams-Sonoma.

We greatly appreciate the contributions of all of those who served on the Benefit Committee this year. We are proud and grateful to have such a wide range of community support for the Historical Society.

T. JEFFERY CLARKE, President
MONICA LEVINE & AVRIL MOORE, Co-Chairs
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Town Topics Should Be More Rigorous In Editing Long Letters to Its "Mailbox"

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

The Mail Box (Letters to the Editor) is an important and valuable feature of TOWN TOPICS. Wisely, the paper states its requirements, including: "Letters longer than 500 words may be edited or omitted entirely." This is worthwhile, both in the interest of space and in appreciation of the value of readers' time. Would that you lived up to this requirement!

The October 13 issue had six letters. One, about 700 words long, might be excused because it was a copy of a letter written by a local official to a town organization. Still, if a letter is written with the intent to send copies on to the newspapers, it would be better to compose it more tightly in the first place.

Another, about 750 words long, addressed another current problem of local importance. Its length was augmented by a wealth of opinion, hypothetical questions and speculation. It could have been shorter.

A third, over 1100 words long took the prize. It was largely the writer's musings about another local problem and would probably have been better printed in some other collection of writings.

To their credit, all of the above certainly addressed significant current problems. However, this does not necessarily justify the publication space and readers' time that they, and many that have gone before them, usurp. I would even argue that their impact would be more significant if they were briefer and more easily absorbed.

It is great that Town Topics apparently is willing to print virtually every Letter to the Editor it receives. At least it's always printed mine! I would urge the editors to make more exercise of their right either to reject excessively long letters or to see that they are edited down.

JEROME KURSHAN
Random Road

Letters to the Editor

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Proposed Arts Council Building Elegant Solution to Urban Problem

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

The Arts Council proposed building is elegant, an urban solution to an urban problem. Possibly, Princeton residents have not yet realized that their little town is now a big town and now has urban needs.

Neither the politicians nor the art critics of the community have acknowledged the very special social service arm of the Arts Council. Wouldn't it be a crime to push this organization out of the downtown area?

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The milk man is back. It's an idea whose time has come — again!

"People really grew up with the milk man. In the 1970s and '80s, though, milk delivery died out because of the big supermarkets. But people really missed the milk man."

Roy Gwin, owner of Moo-Moo Express, decided to do something about it. The Montgomery native (born in Princeton Hospital) had long experience in the food service business, including managing

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the dairy department of an area supermarket. Also, his father had been with the Walker-Gordon Dairy in Plainsboro, and Roy was steeped in the history of Elsie the Cow and all sorts of other interesting dairy information.

"Walker-Gordon bottled for Borden's Milk," he recalls, "and Elsie the Cow was created for them. Originally, the real Elsie was at the Ettl Farm in Princeton, and Mr. Ettl, a sculptor, did the original artwork for her."

Natural Progression

Mr. Gwin liked the idea both of being in business for himself and of providing a service for people. After looking at several possibilities, he found milk delivery the most feasible and appealing. And with his background, it really seemed like a natural progression for him.

He researched the area, and discovered there was a delivery service, but he felt it was not handled properly and wasn't capitalizing on the potential. He saw an opportunity, and decided to move forward.

"I got a truck, and I started with 30 people — neighbors and friends – and delivered milk and other basics, such as eggs, cheese, juice, and bread. In the first six months, the business had grown to 120 customers, so I felt I was on to something!"

Indeed. Today he has 352 customers, and there is a waiting list. Each week, at least four new people ask to be included, and in November, there will be many more, when he obtains a second truck, and adds parts of Pennington and Hopewell to his route.

In Demand

"Everything is so impersonal today," he points out. "People are really looking for something like this. Customers tell me how glad they are I'm doing this. They really just love everything about it. Everyone waves at me when they see the truck."

It's not just Princeton either. Milk delivery is in demand throughout the U.S. Mr. Gwin notes that "in New Jersey over the last four years, 34,000 customers have been having milk delivered. And nationwide, there have been 1.4 million customers over the last five years."

Moo-Moo Express delivers to many families, he reports, but also to couples and singles. He provides customers with insulated milk boxes which keep the items cold, and delivers to most people twice a week.

Milk, eggs, bacon, cheese, yogurt, orange juice, teas, bread and bagels are among the items he delivers.

"I'm a stickler for freshness," he adds, explaining that he gets his milk from Cream-O-Land Dairy in New Jersey, a third-generation dairy farm, and it is delivered to him four times a week.

Milk is 43% of his business, but the other items are popular too, and he carries such brands as Land-O-Lakes, Kraft, Cracker Barrel, Tropicana, and Pillsbury, among others. Organic and Lactaid milk are also available.

Many of these items are obtained from a dairy warehouse, where he personally selects each product.

It's seasonal, too, he adds, with juices and teas becoming more popular in the summer, when milk is less in demand. Customers are asked to order a 5-item minimum, but this can be flexible. For example, one and a half gallons of milk counts as three items.

Mr. Gwin says his prices are based at or below supermarket prices — suggested prices, not sale prices — and a sampling includes one/half gallon of milk for $2.00, one/half gallon of Tropicana orange juice $2.75, one dozen large eggs $1.25, organic large eggs $1.95, and 16 ounces of Oscar Mayer bacon $3.85.

He smiles as he says he couldn't be happier the way things have turned out.

Brink of Success

"We're really on the brink of success. There is just a great demand for milk delivery, and I like everything about it. I enjoy the time with the customers — some are even up when I start delivering at midnight. They are also very considerate, and often leave a porch light on for me."

GOT MILK: "I deliver in Princeton Monday and Thursday, and in Montgomery Tuesday and Friday. I'm out for six hours and average 110 stops a night." Roy Gwin, owner of Moo-Moo Express Milk Delivery, is enthusiastic about the success of his milk delivery service.

He says he doesn't mind the late hours — there is no traffic, and he knows all the shortcuts. It is also great exercise — he walks five miles a night. And he has never missed a delivery, even during the recent Floyd deluge.

"I love Mother Nature," he laughs. "Just bring it on!

"Another thing," he adds, "the dogs I meet are the best. They come out and see me, and they never give the milk man a hard time!

"I really look forward to seeing the business grow, and becoming an established part of the community," he continues. "And even as the business increases, I will never give up delivering to my regular customers myself. It's a great satisfaction when they tell me 'You're a life saver. It's such a help'. People know they can count on me.

"Also, I welcome their input if they want me to add other items, etc. I want to give people the best service I can. I'd rather make 350 people very happy than 1000 semi-happy,"

For more information, call 497-4645. Mr. Gwin returns all calls on the weekend.

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New Look and New Merchandise Inside & Out at Nassau Interiors

There's about to be a new look at Nassau Interiors, Princeton's long-time home furnishings store on Nassau Street.

"We are very excited about our new look, both inside and outside," says Trinna La Placa, manager and interior decorator at the store. "We will have new awnings, a new carpet, new drapery treatments, and an expanded fabric library.

"We have also recently started playing music in the background, including standards from America's Golden Age of popular music, as well as classical, modern jazz, Celtic, and New Age. Customers love the great selection, and say it is very relaxing. We want their experience here to be a pleasure in all ways."

In addition, Ms. La Placa reports the store is offering new gift wrapping, a reintroduction of its signature gift boxes, ribbons and bags in gold and white stripes, and similarly designed gift certificates.

Service and Quality

"Also," she continues, "we will have new dining room and bedroom sets that we've never shown before, as well as Waterford crystal chandeliers. A few months ago, we introduced Oriental rugs, including all sizes and styles, and each is unique and hand-done."

Ms. La Placa is a daughter of the store's owner, Leonard La Placa, who opened Nassau Interiors 52 years ago. It is now one of Princeton's oldest retail establishments, and that increasingly rare sight on the shopping scene, an independently owned and operated business. It is certainly a place customers have always counted on for service and quality.

"I am so fortunate to have something to build on," points out Ms. La Placa, who really grew up in the store, and has worked full time since 1991. "My father still does the buying, and I have support from my sisters, Laurie and Claudia, and often consult with them."

Furniture, accessories, and interior design service are the specialties at the store, and it also has a popular home and garden boutique, 'Viletta', which still has items available from the store's recent sale.

"We have outdoor furniture and home and garden accessories, including jardinieres that are great for when you bring plants inside," reports Ms. La Placa.

"What is special about our store is that there is a charm about it; it's sort of old world. People feel as if they're buying a piece of Princeton. Everything we have is handpicked — every lamp, every mirror, etc. it's all carefully chosen, with a lot of thought and dedication."

Special Collection

This scrupulous attention to Nassau Interior's merchandise is particularly evident in a special collection of furniture. Classically designed by Paul Maitland Smith, a famous name in furniture design, it is made in Vietnam, and offers a full range of pieces, from occasional tables to dining room and bedroom sets.

"Paul Maitland Smith owns the company that makes the furniture, and he oversees everything," explains Ms. La Placa. "It is handcrafted, made by his personally-trained craftsmen, and is in the classic traditional French and English 18th Century style. It looks like antique furniture.

"He chose Vietnam as the headquarters because it is rich in natural resources, especially walnut and marble," she adds. "The furniture is predominantly walnut (some mahogany), which is the hardest wood. This furniture will last a lifetime. Each piece is unique, and is really an heirloom."

Ms. La Placa is enthusiastic about both the look and the quality workmanship of this furniture, noting that while the finishes can be different, each is distinguished by its rich color, depth, and texture.

"Most pieces are made with dowels — the classic way — without nails, and the drawers' interiors are completely of walnut."

Cabinets, chests, desks, book cases, and dining room tables are all popular, as are the coffee tables, small end and accent tables. Each piece seems to have a special cachet to define it. A charming "work" accent table features a leather top and hidden drawer; a small free-standing book shelf is remarkable for its detailed carving; and a "grand" coffee table offers marble top and bronze lion paws at its base.

Limited Distribution

Ms. La Placa points out that Paul Maitland Smith also designs all the hardware for the furniture. "He is an extremely talented and creative designer. Also, the furniture has limited distribution, and we are one of the first accounts."

She adds that it is reasonably priced for furniture of its high quality, starting in the $500-$600 range. "It is definitely more reasonable than other new furniture," she explains.

Storewide, prices cover a very wide range, starting from $10-$15 up to the thousands of dollars.

"What I like most," says Ms. La Placa, "is that we are a small business, and I wear so many hats. I'll do advertising one day, showroom display the next, then buying and interior design, inventorying the merchandise and setting up for the holiday season.

"I'm excited about the future and getting the store ready for the Millennium," she adds. "We'll have a new 'stage', and now I can fill it up with all the new merchandise. I love this, and I love the camaraderie and rapport with the customers. They know we have a great staff.

"There is a lot of experience here, and we help customers make informed choices, so they can feel confident about their purchase and protect their investment. We offer great service, whether someone is buying a lampshade or an entire room."

Nassau Interiors is open Monday through Friday 9 to 5:30, Thursday until 8, Saturday until 5, Sunday 12 to 5.. 924-2561.

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CLASSIC DESIGN: "This is an Empire-style walnut 'bachelor' chest, with handsome etched leather pull-out tray and very delicately carved hardware. It is one of the designs of Paul Maitland Smith, a famous English furniture designer." Trinna La Placa of Nassau Interiors is seated next to the chest she describes. Also shown is a chinoiserie lamp in black and gold.

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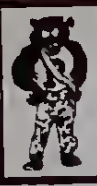

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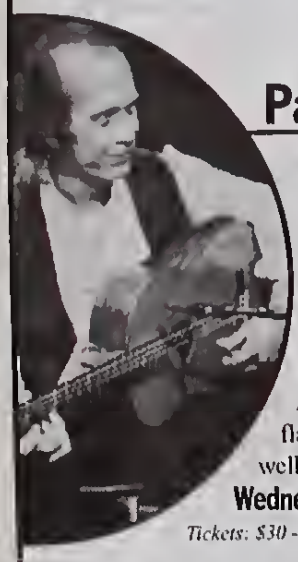

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THEATER REVIEW

"Educating Rita" Examines Philosophical Issues of Education In Theatre Intime Production of Early '80s Romantic Comedy

WHO'S EDUCATING WHOM: Kurt Uy as the English professor and Hadley Owen as Rita, his workingclass tutorial student, learn about literature, life and each other, in a rehearsal for Willy Russell's "Educating Rita," playing at Theatre Intime on the Princeton University campus through October 23.

British playwright Willy Russell has strong views on the working class and its quest for education and culture. "Whilst the working classes are accused of being philistines," he declared in an interview, "there is a general attempt in this country (England) to withhold culture from them ... Literature is an invention by the middle classes for their own benefit. *Educoting Rito,* a romantic, two-character comedy currently playing at Theatre Intime, explores Mr. Russell's idealistic and challenging ideas on education, the class system and youth and maturity, all in the context of the relationship between Rita, a down-to-earth, lower-middle-class 26-year-old hairdresser, and her dissolute and disillusioned middle-aged English literature professor.

Rita enrolls in an Open University course and develops a passion for learning and improving herself. Reminiscent of Henry Higgins with Eliza Doolittle in George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmolion* (subsequently made into the musical *My Foir Lody*), her instructor Frank molds his pupil. She changes, and so does he.

Forthright, smart and determined, Rita breaks through Frank's reticence and cynical humor to discover kindness and unhappiness, as she forces him to confront his drinking and self-destructive behavior. Two worlds, two different approaches to life, clash and communicate in this play. Rita acquires a university education and a certain self-realization, and Frank comes to question his work, his life and the human costs of Rita's academic and social gains.

The play, replete with literary allusions, treads the borderline of sentimentality and the realm of the fairy tale, but its mostly effective humor and thought-provoking resolution eschew those cliched choices and instead offer interesting questions about problems of freedom, growing, beyond the class into which one was born, and the value of traditional education.

As professor and pupil, Kurt Uy and Hadley Owen, Princeton University undergraduates, embody Mr. Russell's characters and his worthy ideas with flair and conviction. They make the huge character leaps in age, nationality and backgrounds with admirable credibility, including appropriate accents and class distinctions between the characters. The demands on these two performers, on stage alone together for over two hours of playing time, are extraordinary.

Educoting Rito, first performed on stage in 1980 in London, became a star vehicle for Michael Caine and Julie Walters as a movie in 1983. The play seems a less than ideal choice for the Theatre Intime company, however, despite its obvious relevance in the university setting. It is too long and at times meandering (The first of the two acts lasts 90 minutes.), with too little dramatic tension to sustain its length.

Trajectory Apparent

From very early on, the trajectory of the play and the professor-student relationship is apparent. The often-clever dialogue and occasional surprises along the way do not make up for the rather formulaic plotting and mostly banal pronouncements on literature and life. The witty tag lines at the end of each of the dozen or so scenes seem to become less witty as the evening wears on. This play certainly has its moments — of humor, of insight, of revelations about the human condition and the paradoxes of education — but all in all it is a difficult work for two young actors, or even Michael Caine and Julie Walters, to carry.

Theatre Intime's *Educating Rita* will play at the Hamilton-Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus for four more performances this weekend, October 21-23, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 and Saturday at 2. Call 258-4950 for reservations.

Director Catherine Keyser, a junior, has staged the play skillfully and rehearsed her actors intelligently. Despite one or two technical miscues last Friday night, the pace moved along smoothly, as professor and pupil transformed both themselves and their lives. Ms. Keyser and Mr. Uy have designed the set, appropriately dominated by high bookshelves and a large desk. Jeanne Woon's costume designs effectively help to delineate the two characters, the contrasts in their status, and the change in Rita as she acquires her education.

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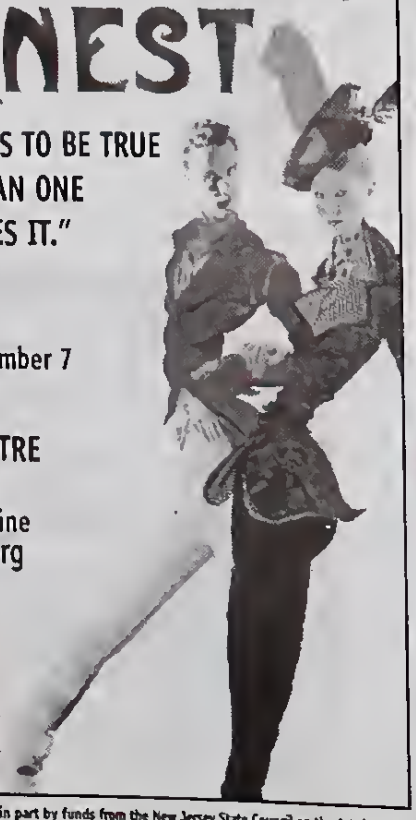

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Frances Fowler Slade, Founder and Music Director of Princeton Pro Musica, will conduct.

The concert will feature Felix Mendelssohn's rarely performed *Die erste Walpurgisnacht (the first Walpurgis Night),* which provides a dramatic setting of a ballad by Goethe. In the ballad, Druids in Germany refuse to submit to the religion of invading tribes. In order to perform one of their major rituals, they frighten away the soldiers by howling and running through the woods with noise-makers, and torches. Finally, the Druids celebrate their mountain-top ritual with a majestic hymn.

Highlights of the colorful music are a powerful overture and a no-holds-barred "demonic" chorus.

Also featured on the concert will be the world premiere of *Psalm 90* by Princeton composer Edward T. Cone. The work is set for six-part chorus, brass, percussion, harp and strings.

Mr. Cone is Professor Emeritus at Princeton University and widely known as both a composer and a writer and lecturer on music. He will give a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The concert will open with Moussorgski's *Night on Bald Mountain,* in Rimsky-Korsakov's orchestration. This work (made widely famous by Walt Disney's *Fantasia)* is based on a tale by Gogol in which a Witches' Sabbath on the top of Mount Triglav in the Ukraine is presided over by the "God of Darkness."

Baritone David Arnold has performed with many of the major American orchestras and conductors, including the Symphony Orchestras of Chicago, San Francisco, Atlanta, and Baltimore.

He has worked frequently with Seiji Ozawa, performing in the Boston Symphony Orchestra's series in Carnegie Hall and making recordings.

Frederick Urrey has appeared in oratorio, opera, and recital throughout the United States, Europe, and in Asia. During the 1999-2000 season he will appear at Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center.

Singing the role of "The Wise Woman" in *Die Erste Walpurgisnacht,* Teresa Harris is a professional member of the Princeton Pro Musica chorus. She has degrees in voice from Westminster Choir College and Temple University and has appeared in opera roles in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.

Princeton Pro Musica is a 120-voice chorus with orchestra. Tickets for the concert are available at the Richardson Auditorium Box Office (258-5000). For additional information and subscriptions, call 683-5122.

The concert will be followed by a party, called the "Princeton Witch Project," at Maclean House on the Princeton University campus. Those who wish may join Princeton celebrities in dressing as witches or graylocks.

Some of the featured celebrities are Mayor Phyllis Marchand; Mayor Marvin Reed; Anne Reeves, Arts Council Executive Director; Pam Hersh, Princeton University Director of Community and State Affairs, Mark Laycock, Music Director of Princeton Chamber Symphony; and Frances Fowler Slade, Music Director of Princeton Pro Musica.

A drawing for a door prize will take place at the party for two tickets to "A Date With the Devil", a recital by bass Samuel Ramey on December 12 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

For those attending the concert and party, the cost will be $75 per person, which includes a subscriber rate on the concert ticket. If a subscriber already has a ticket to the concert and also wishes to attend the party, the cost is $50 per person. To receive an invitation, call the Princeton Pro Musica office at 683-5122.

Frances Fowler Slade

Student Recital Series To Open with Pianist

A piano recital by graduate student Benjamin Binder will open the 1999-2000 Friends of Music student recital series at Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 24, at 3 p.m. The program includes works of Franz Schubert and Robert Schumann.

Benjamin Binder is a doctoral student in musicology at Princeton University. In 1995, he received the bachelor's degree in music from Yale University.

In 1997, Mr. Binder completed the M.M. program in piano performance at Washington University, St. Louis, where he was a student of Seth Carlin, and participated in master classes with Anton Kuerti and Claude Frank.

For his program, Mr. Binder has chosen the *Hungarian Melodies,* D.817; the *Six German Dances,* D.820, and the Sonata in C Major, *Reliquie,* D.840, of Franz Schubert. The program concludes with Robert Schumann's *Faschingsschwank aus Wien (Carnival Jest from Vienna),* Opus 26.

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Classical guitarist Antigoni Goni, who in 1995 became the first guitarist since Andres Segovia to perform at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow, will make a guest appearance at a benefit in Princeton on October 29.

Princeton audiences will be able to hear Ms. Goni in a private concert to be performed at Drumthwacket, the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey, as part of a benefit evening and dinner for the Gennadius Library in Athens, Greece. Honorary patrons for the event are the Greek Ambassador to the United States and Mrs. Alexander Philon.

Born in Greece, Antigoni Goni has performed extensively in Europe, Russia, Canada, the United States as well as her native country. Currently, she resides in the United States, where she heads the Guitar Department of the Juilliard Pre-College Division. In addition, she was recently appointed Associate of the Royal Academy of Music in London, England.

Ms. Goni has performed in concert halls around the world, including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Juilliard Theater in New York City, Covent Garden and the Duke's Hall in London, the Athens Symphony Hall, the Cappella Sale in St. Petersburg, the Mally Sale and the National Art Gallery in Moscow.

Winner of the 1995 International Guitar Foundation of America Competition, she was also first prize winner at the 1993 Artist International Competition, the 1991 Julian Bream Competition and the 1988 International Guitar competition in the Cuban capital of Havana, for which she took the Prize for Best Interpretation Latin American Music.

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Series Focusing On Musical Heritage To Begin Oct. 24

Westminster Conservatory will present the first in its 1999-2000 Music Heritage Series of concerts entitled "The Cross Currents: Music Inspired by Literature, Art and Song." Sunday, October 24, at 4 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the Westminster Choir College campus.

This third season of musical explorations will feature faculty members and guest artists in diverse and compelling works, both well-known and rarely performed. The first program of this year will have vocal and chamber music performances. The first half of the program will combine art songs by Schubert, including *The Trout* with vocal arias and duets from operas by Mozart and Rossini, performed by faculty members Nancy Froysland Hoerl, soprano, and Larissa Korkina, pianist, in collaboration with baritone John Maxham and soprano Li-Chan Chen.

In the second half of the program pianist Luba Sindler and four string players, including Jodi Beder and Joan Bates, will perform one of the masterpieces of chamber music literature, Schubert's "Trout" Quintet.

Nancy Froysland Hoerl, soprano, has performed in Europe, the United States and the United Kingdom. A native of Minnesota, she received a master's degree in voice performance and pedagogy from Westminster.

Active as a chamber musician, she has appeared as a guest artist of the Allegro Society of New Jersey and the Philadelphia Virtuoso Orchestra and is a frequent guest artist of the Wilmington Musical Festival.

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Boheme Opera's Eleventh Season To Begin Nov. 5

Boheme Opera NJ's eleventh season will open with Gaetano Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore (The Elixir of Love)*. A comic opera about a love potion sold by a quack doctor, it will be staged on Friday, November 5, and Sunday, November 7 in the newly-restored, 1,800-seat Trenton War Memorial Theatre. Starring in this new production are soprano Lorraine Ernest as Adina, tenor Barton Green as Nemorino, both New York City Opera regulars; Met baritone David Arnold as Belcore; bass-baritone William Walker, formerly with Lyric Opera of Chicago, as Dr. Dulcamara; and area soprano Ann Marie Keogh as Giannetta.

Boheme Opera's second presentation of the season, on Sunday, March 5, will be a concert of the Spanish Zarzuela. Championed by Placido Domingo and his parents, zarzuela dates back to the mid-17th century, combining spoken dialogue, singing and dancing, drawing heavily on folk music and customs of the different regions of Spain.

This concert will be presented in the Trenton War Memorial Ballroom with limited seating of 500.

The mainstage season concludes on Friday, April 14, and Sunday, April 16, with a new production of Giacomo Puccini's *Il Tobarro (The Cloak)* and Gionni Schicchi, two of the three one-act operas from his *Trittico*.

Featured will be artists who are all making their debut with Boheme Opera NJ: soprano Nova Thomas as Giorgetta, baritone Carlos Serrano as Michele; tenor Matthew Kirchner as Luigi; and recent Metropolitan Opera National Winner mezzo-soprano Maria Zifchak as Frugola.

Appearing as well in Gionni Schicci, will be Carlos Serrano and Nova Thomas as Lauretta. Boheme Artistic Director is Joseph Pucciatti

All performances of mainstage productions will be preceded by a pre-curtain talk. Both productions will be sung in Italian with projected English supertitles.

Tickets are available by calling 581-7200 for subscriptions, group reservations or single ticket orders. Mainstage Theatre ticket prices are $50, $45, $35, $20; Ballroom ticket prices are $40, $25. The facility and parking are handicapped-accessible, and devices for the hearing-impaired as well as large-print playbills are available.

On May 21 Boheme Opera NJ will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the youngest artist debut ever at the Metropolitan Opera, Roberta Peters. Miss Peters will appear as the company's guest for the afternoon at Hamilton Township's J. Seward Johnson Grounds for Sculpture.

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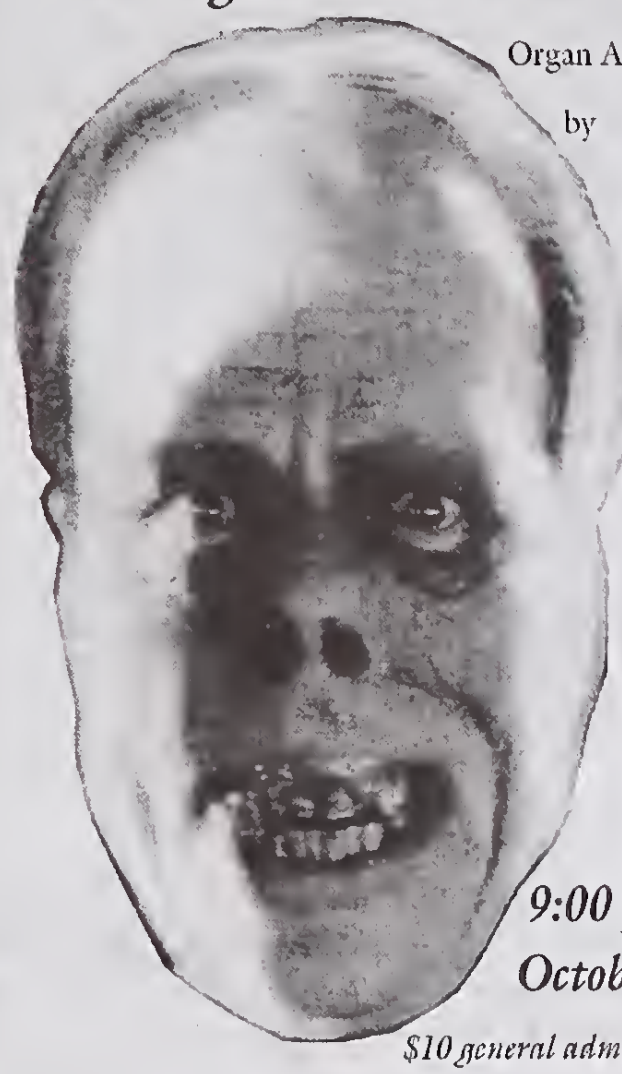

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MUSIC REVIEW

Dryden Ensemble Explores Another "End of Century" — The Baroque Era

The end of the century is at hand. The Dryden Ensemble decided to explore another "end of the century" in its opening concert of the 1999-2000 season on Sunday afternoon as part of Trinity Church's Concerts by Candlelight series. The Dryden Ensemble, dedicated to performing music of the Baroque era, presented music of six composers who lived at the end of the 17th century. With the exception of Henry Purcell, who died at a very young age, all of these composers lived to see the turn of the 18th century.

For this performance, the Dryden Ensemble consisted of six performers: two baroque violinists, two baroque oboists, a viola da gamba player, and an accompanying harpsichordist. Part of attending Dryden Ensemble concerts is getting a mini-lesson in the capabilities of all these instruments, and on Sunday afternoon, they all played in varying combinations and together on two pieces.

Trinity Church was an unusual venue for an instrument ensemble of this period. The acoustics were almost too lively, losing the clarity of the individual instrumental lines. At times there was so much reverberation from the architecture of the church that the sound of all the instruments playing together, with the harmonic overtones of the strings, had a tendency to ring around in the arches, losing the preciseness of the Baroque instrumental effects. The most successful pieces of the afternoon were those with one or two instruments, accompanied by the viola da gamba and harpsichord.

Francois Couperin's *L'Astree* opened the performance, played by all instruments together. The best movement of this work was the fourth movement "Vivement et marque," featuring baroque oboists Jane McKinley and Julie-Brye, accompanied by viola da gamba player Lisa Terry and harpsichordist Webb Wiggins. Ms. Terry's gamba accompaniment was especially nice. All of these instruments balanced well with the harpsichord.

The two violins and gamba were featured in Buxtehude's Sonata in C Major. The violins played well together with effectively tapered endings and very accurate playing in the *Vivace* section which came near to the end of the piece. First violinist Julie Andrijeski played with a spicier tone than second violinist Mary Hostetler Hoyt, whose playing added a very mellow sound to the ensemble.

Mr. Wiggins had a chance to solo on the harpsichord in Pachelbel's *Aria Quarta*. Because of the raised steps of the altar area at Trinity, Mr. Wiggins had to stand throughout the performance, as there was not room to place a chair on the same level as the harpsichord. Despite this logistical difficulty, Mr. Wiggins demonstrated in this piece and throughout the concert the full range of the one-manual instrument and its colors. *Aria Quarta* is an instrumental aria with variations, and all the variations included a great deal of ornamentation. The sound of the harpsichord filled the space of Trinity Church very nicely.

Dramatic Solo

Ms. Terry had the opportunity to solo with harpsichord accompaniment in the work which opened the second half: *Les Folies d'Espagne* for solo viola da gamba by Marin Marais, a lesser-known court composer of the late 17th century. The work is composed around the "folio," which is a chord progression used for songs, dances, and variations which originated in Spain and was later introduced at the court of Louis XIV. Ms. Terry played dramatically and expressively, with a very even tone; every note was crystal clear in the acoustic of Trinity Church.

The three remaining works on the program: Corelli's *Sonata Seconda*, Purcell's Sonata II, and Marais' Suite in G Minor, brought together different combinations of instruments. In the Corelli work, the strings played with the harpsichord, with Ms. Andrijeski and Ms. Hoyt playing effective duets to a very steady accompaniment provided by Ms. Terry.

The Purcell work also featured strings, and the second Marais work, which closed the concert, featured oboes, gamba and harpsichord at the beginning, joined later by the strings. The sound of the six instruments together was well blended for this piece, with each stringed instrument playing very florid and difficult passages at times. All the instruments were given the chance to solo in this closing work.

The Concerts by Candlelight series at Trinity presents a wide array of concerts ranging from organ recitals to instrumental ensembles to choral works. Although the Dryden Ensemble traditionally performs their Princeton concerts in Richardson Auditorium, this venture into a new venue gave the ensemble the opportunity to experiment with new acoustics and gave their audience a chance to hear period instruments in a more historically accurate architectural space.

—Nancy Plum

The Dryden Ensemble will present its next concert on Sunday, January 9 at Richardson Auditorium. This concert will be in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the death of J.S. Bach and will feature several cantatas and one Brandenburg Concerto by Bach. For tickets, call 466-8541.

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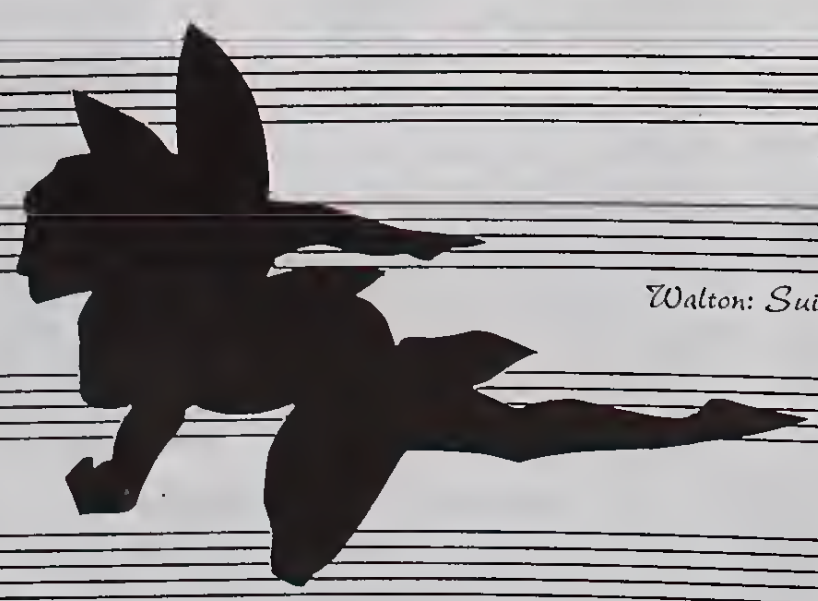

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Duo-Pianists To Play Concerto With Community Orchestra

The Westminster Community Orchestra, conducted by Barbara Barstow, will present its fall concert Sunday, October 24 at 7 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University campus.

The program will include Mozart's Symphony No. 40 and Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos performed by duo-pianists Phyllis Alpert Lehrer and Ena Bronstein Barton.

The Barton and Lehrer Duo, formed in 1984 in Princeton, performs regularly throughout the United States. As solo artists and academic colleagues, the two pianists bring a depth of musical understanding to the repertoire for two pianos.

Barbara Barstow is the founding music director and conductor of the Westminster Community Orchestra. For 30 years she has developed and conducted comprehensive orchestral music programs. Ms. Barstow was an assistant professor at Westminster Choir College, having taught string methods and later orchestral conducting from 1987 to 1998.

Ena Bronstein Barton is head of the piano department at the Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College. She is also a member of the piano faculty at the College.

Ms. Barton has received many honors throughout her career, including an invitation to attend the Casals Festival, a 1976 Martha Baird Rockefeller Grant which resulted in a solo recital at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, and the 1986 Distinguished Artists Piano Award by Artists International.

Phyllis Alpert Lehrer is professor of piano at Westminster Choir College and also serves on the piano faculty of Westminster Conservatory. Ms. Lehrer has enjoyed an active concert career as a soloist and collaborative artist in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Her performances have met with much critical acclaim.

The Westminster Community Orchestra is composed of adult amateurs from throughout the greater Princeton area. It is based at the Westminster Conservatory.

Tickets for this concert are $10 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens. They may be reserved by calling the Conservatory at 921-7104 or the Richardson box office at 258-5000.

TO PERFORM AT RICHARDSON: Ena Bronstein Barton and Phyllis Alpert Lehrer, duo-pianists, will perform a program, including Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos and Mozart's Symphony No. 40, for the fall concert of the Westminster Community Orchestra, conducted by Barbara Barstow, Sunday, October 24, at 7 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

Special Events Set For Oscar Wilde Play

McCarter Theatre announces two special events in conjunction with performances of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, currently on stage through Sunday, November 7.

The Dialogue on Drama will be held immediately following the 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, October 24. The special guest will be Professor Michael Cadden, director of the Program in Theater and Dance at Princeton University.

Moderated by Janice Paran, McCarter Dramaturg and Director of Play Development, this free event will begin at approximately 4:30. One need not attend the performance to attend the Dialogue.

McCarter's After Hours Theater Party on Friday, October 29 will be held at 8 p.m. The party includes theater tickets, food and drink and live entertainment by singer-songwriter Maggi Hill.

The cost is the same price as a regular ticket. Tickets are $39 front orchestra/-balcony and $35 for rear orchestra. Reservations are necessary.

For tickets, call the Box Office at 258-2787.

Rabbi & Stand-Up Comic Will Perform Here

Rabbi Bob Alper, the only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy, will bring his one-man show to The Jewish Center, Saturday, October 30 at 7 p.m.

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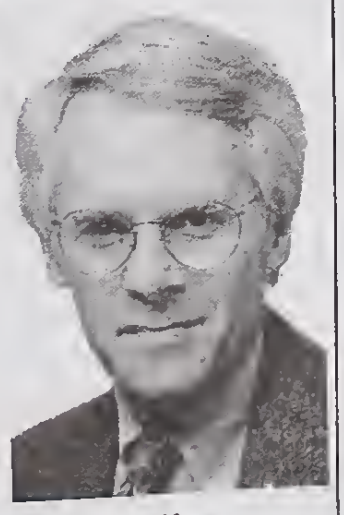
Tickets are $45 for dinner and the show, and $25 for the show only. They are available at The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street, 921-0100.



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FRENCH TROUPE AT McCARTER: Lyon Opera Ballet will perform "Carmen" Tuesday, October 26 at 8 p.m. at McCarter Theatre. The company comes to Princeton from the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival.

Lyon Ballet Brings "Carmen" to McCarter

France's Lyon Opera Ballet will make its McCarter debut Tuesday, October 26 at 8 p.m., performing two works by choreographer Mats Ek, *Carmen* and *Solo for Two*.

Currently on an 11-city U.S. and Canada tour, the 30-member classically trained ensemble comes to Princeton from the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival.

Ek's Cormen is a free-spirited woman of the 90s, a cigar replacing the rose between her teeth. Using Rodion Schedrin's contemporary arrangement of the Bizet score, Ek reveals his story cinematically with the ballet told in flashback, beginning with the execution of Don Jose by a firing squad.

Tickets are $33 and $36. To charge by phone, call 258-2787.

Short Trip Home Tour Sets Date at McCarter

Classical violinist Joshua Bell, bassist and composer Edgar Meyer, bluegrass mandolinist Sam Bush and instrumentalist Mike Marshall will perform a program of definition-defying new acoustic sounds when they bring their Short Trip Home Tour to McCarter Theatre on Monday, October 25 at 8 p.m.

Short Trip Home obliterates the boundaries between classical, world, jazz and American traditional music. It combines elements of bluegrass, folk, rock, blues, and classical music creating an unusual musical journey. The success of projects such as *Appalochia Woltz* and *Uncommon Ritual* proves the connection between classical and bluegrass music is not only valid, but vital.

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Joshua Bell

Tickets are $28 and $32. To charge tickets by phone, call the McCarter Theatre Box Office at 258-2787.

Film "Dancemaker" To Have Free Screenings

McCarter Theatre, in cooperation with the Program in Theater and Dance of Princeton University, will present the area premiere of Matthew Diamond's *Doncemaker* on Friday, October 29, at 7 and 9 p.m.

This free screening of Diamond's Academy Award nominated documentary about Paul Taylor and his dance company, will be held at The James Stewart Film Theater, located in the 185 Nassau Street Building (entrance off parking lot #10 on William Street). The film's running time is 98 minutes.

This special event is being present in conjunction with the Paul Taylor Dance Company's appearance at McCarter Theatre on Tuesday, November 9 at 8.

Watching Mr. Taylor create a new work is the film's central focus, and director Matthew Diamond observes the creation of Piazzolla Caldera from start to finish.

But *Doncemaker* extends beyond Mr. Taylor's creative process to offer an overview of lives utterly devoted to dance, as well as offering a reminder of just how autocratic any artist must be in realizing his vision.

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"Phantom of the Opera" To Be Shown in Chapel

Back by popular demand, the original 1925 silent film *Phantom of the Opera*, with live organ accompaniment, will be presented at the Princeton University Chapel on Friday, October 22 at 9 p.m. Organist David Messineo will once again create and provide the accompaniment on the University's 109-stop E.M. Skinner/N.P. Mander organ.

This is the third time in five years that this event will have taken place at the Chapel.

The classic film, starring Lon Chaney as the Phantom, is based on Gaston Leroux's immortal horror novel. The plot revolves around the mysterious masked phantom of the Paris Opera House, who falls in love with the beautiful young soprano Christine Daae. Much to the dismay of the Phantom, Opera House singer Raout de Chagny attempts to win the affections of Christine. Jealous of Raoul, the Phantom kidnaps Christine through a trap door during a performance and takes her to his subterranean home.

Guided by a Persian who has known the Phantom as a criminal, Raoul finds his way into the underground and the tale builds to a terrifying climax as the Phantom is chased through the catacombs of Paris, ultimately leading to his self-destruction.

Former Radio City Music Hall organist David Messineo will augment the chilling sensations and sensual moments in the story through the varied tone colors of the Chapel organ. The romantic sounds of the organ, with its lush strings and powerful reeds, will keep the audience on the edge of its seat as Mr. Messineo enhances the drama that unfolds on the silent screen. He prepares for the performance by practicing on his home organ as he watches the movie on a television monitor.

"Most of the music is improvisation, although certain characters like the Phantom have a theme," Mr. Messineo states. "The most dramatic scene of the movie occurs when Christine removes the Phantom's mask. At this point the music builds and builds until you hear the full power of the organ when the Phantom goes into his frantic rage."

Mr. Messineo is Minister of Music at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church where he directs a program of six choirs and a concert series. In addition, he teaches organ at Montclair State College.

Tickets are $10 for the general public and $7 for students and may be purchased at the door. The audience is encouraged to arrive early for a good seat. For more information, call 258-3654.

PHANTOM RETURNS: The silent film, "Phantom of the Opera," will have its third showing in five years at the Princeton University Chapel October 22 at 9 p.m.

Auditions Are Planned For Musical "Pippin"

Yardley Players Theatre Company will hold auditions for *Pippin* at the Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, on Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, between 2 and 5.

Needed are five principal males, ages 20 and over; three principal females, ages 20 and over; and a chorus of singers and dancers, ages 16 and over.

Those auditioning should bring pictures, resume, and a song in voice range. The show will be performed from January 8-16 at the Kelsey Theatre.

For an appointment to audition, call Marge Swider at (215) 968-1904.

Musical, 'Cheatin' Hearts' Will Debut in Hopewell

Already a hit in Toronto, and winning awards in Finland, Paul Ledoux and David Smyth's musical, *Cheatin' Hearts*, will make its United States debut at Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell. Artistic Director Bob Thick will direct.

The cast includes Kathy Keith, Harris Goodman, Nancy Hawes, and Gary Wellbrock.

Performances will take place weekends, October 22 through December 4. Doors open at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays for dessert, with the curtain at 8. Sunday matinees feature dessert at 1:30 with curtain at 2:30. Friday and Sunday admission is $20.50; Saturday admission is $22.

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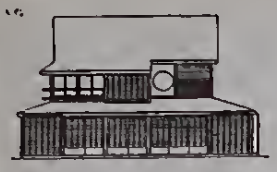

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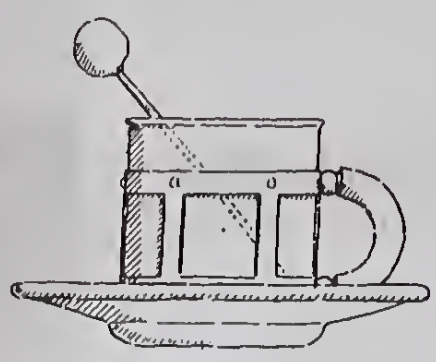

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TRIBAL MASK: This mask will be at the Rotunda Gallery of the Lawrenceville School's Gruss Center of Visual Arts through November 16. It is one of 38 such objects of ritual on display. Call 620-6026.

ART

Show Celebrates Recovery From Domestic Violence

An exhibition of artwork created by women and children who have been victims of domestic violence will be in the main gallery at the Montgomery Cultural Center (1860 House), 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman, through October 30.

Called "Celebrate the Journey," the exhibition is sponsored by the lead domestic violence agency in Somerset County, the Resource Center for Women and Their Families.

The show contains 70 works by 35 artists. Their creations represent stages in the process of recovery from domestic violence. Under the guidance and direction of Robbin Loonan, clinical coordinator and counselor at the Women's Resource Center, women and children used drawing, painting, mixed media, writing, and sculpting as therapeutic tools for healing.

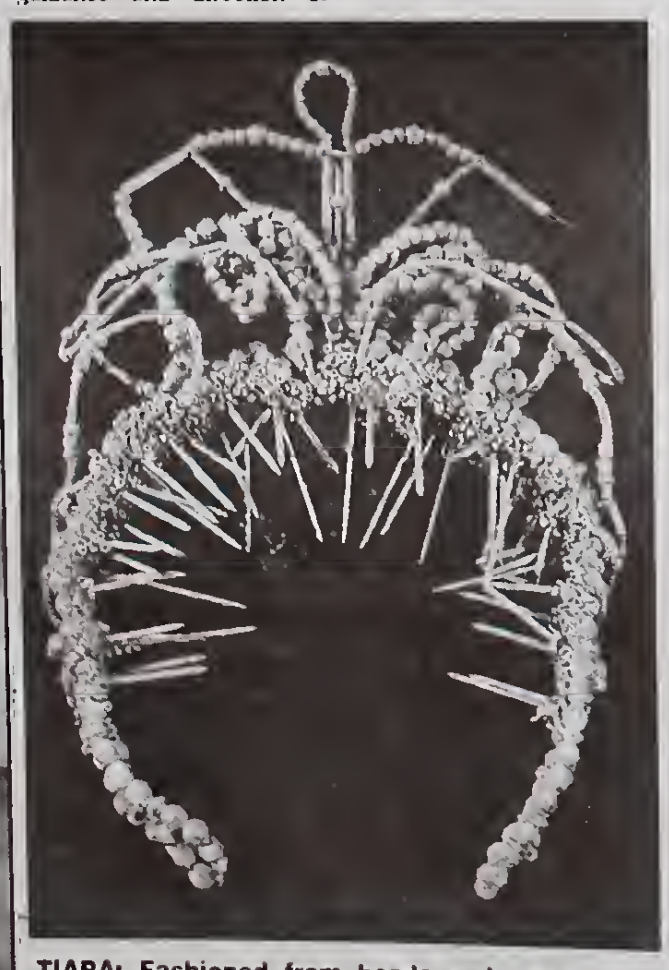
A first large-scale show for the Women's Resource Center, the exhibition is presented as part of the agency's 20th anniversary.

Gallery hours are 10 to 3, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 921-3272.

Exhibits

The work of Princeton artist Joanne Augustine will be on exhibit at the **Highlands Gallery** at Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Township, from November 1 to January 4, 2000.

Barbara G. Watts, Jamesburg, is also showing examples of her work in the exhibi-



TIARA: Fashioned from beads and copper wire, this "Tiara" by Carson Fox is one of the works in the current exhibition at the Rider University Gallery. "Beauty Queens." Call 895-5588.

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WATERCOLOR FROM ATHENS: This "View of Capo Ducato" (1863), by British artist Edward Lear, is part of the current exhibition at the Princeton University Art Museum, "Edward Lear's Greece: Watercolors from the Gennadius Library, Athens." The exhibition will remain at the museum through January 2, 2000.

Art

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tion entitled "Favorite Things."

Both women are noted watercolorists who have shown widely in the area. Ms. Augustine explains that flowers are a frequent subject for her art, and that she finds them "a spiritual resource, putting me in touch with my own deeper intuitions and reverence for nature."

Educated at Wheaton College; the University of California, Los Angeles; Pennyslvania State University; and the Cleveland Art Institute, Ms. Augustine was also a student of Hobson Pittman and William Smith.

The subjects Ms. Watts chooses for her still-life and landscape paintings are frequently inspired by the natural setting of her studio in Lambertville. Ms. Watts has exhibited at a number of locations throughout the state, including Princeton University. She is the winner of a Gold Medal of Honor from the American Watercolor Society.

For information on gallery hours, which may vary, call (732) 521-0070.

An exhibition of works by Carson Fox, "Beauty Queens," at the **Rider University Art Gallery** examines the role of women in society today.

Exhibition pieces include rusted dresses made of paper; headpieces and tiaras fashioned from wire, beads, pins and nails; funeral wreaths comprised of artificial flowers, mud, words, and paint; and drawings and prints depicting beauty contestants with missing limbs.

"The mixed media works in this show represent my personal investigation of the construction of female identity in contemporary American culture, explained Ms. Fox.

Ms. Fox holds a B.F.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.F.A. degree from Rutgers University. She also studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She has exhibited at the Mason Gross Gallery, Rutgers University; the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts; the National Museum of Wales; and Woodmere Art Museum.

The Rider University Art Gallery is located on the third floor of the Student Center on the university's Lawrenceville campus. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 2 to 8; and Friday through Sunday, 2 to 5. The exhibition will remain through October 24. For more information call gallery director Harry Naar, at 895-5588; or the University's department of fine arts, at 896-5168.

Portraits by New Jersey artist Nicole Maynard-Sahar will be on display at **Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery**, New Brunswick, until November 4. The exhibition, part of J&J's ongoing New Jersey Artist Series, features examples of highly expressionistic portraiture.

The artist presents works that are both personal and universal. In *Self Portrait Pointing with Lucas*, the viewer glimpses the artist at work with her child.

Ms. Maynard-Sahar notes that perception and pictorial organization lend form to her images, transcending mere documentation. "I look at another person as I look in a mirror; to see what I know is true and to try to glimpse what else is there," the artist said. "It is the former that gives me something to say, and the latter that hooks me into looking further."

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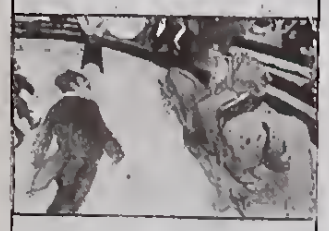
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SPORTS

It Wasn't the Prettiest of Football Games But Tigers Were Happy With Lafayette Win

There were seven sacks, 13 penalties, 17 punts and miscues of every brand Saturday. It certainly wasn't the prettiest of football games when Princeton played host to Lafayette.

But when a Tiger team (2-3 overall, 0-2 Ivy League) looking for confidence and a winning record notched a 22-10 win over the Leopards (1-5, 0-3 Patriot League), the mistakes just melted away.

"Today was a workmanlike effort," head coach Steve Tosches said. "We went out and got the job done. We have got to be able to elevate and now beat a better team on our schedule. We're doing some good things, but its time that we tie it all in together."

Capitalizing on the three stellar 40-plus-yard field goals from sophomore kicker Taylor Northrop and a 147-yard rushing effort from senior running back Derek Theisen, the Princeton offense found strength in peculiar places and finally clicked on big plays that have eluded the Tigers all season.

The Princeton defense, meanwhile, bounced back after giving up 53 points to Brown last week, and held the Leopards to a paltry 204 yards of total offense. Since Princeton shut out Lafayette in the last two meetings, however, the Leopard's 10 points on the day were the first Princeton has allowed to the team since 1993.

"Offensively, we were pathetic," Lafayette head coach Bill Russo said. "We couldn't get anything done. What we needed today was to put some points on the board offensively. Our defense can just carry us for so long and in so many situations."

Tribulation Time

While it took 17 minutes, 38 seconds for either team to open up the scoring, it didn't take long in the first quarter for the wild tribulations of Division I-AA football to begin. At the end of its first series, Princeton was forced to punt from the Lafayette 43-yard line. Northrop — whose play would prove critical later on — got a bad snap and actually downed himself for a 14-yard loss and turnover.

There were sacks and personal fouls, a missed 28-yard field goal attempt by Lafayette and even a concussion to freshman running back Cameron Atkinson. But after the ugly opening stanza, the Princeton offense started clicking as the second quarter got under way.

On first and 10 from his own 31-yard line, sophomore quarterback Tommy Crenshaw connected on a deep ball up the middle to senior wide receiver Danny Brian for a gain of 44 yards. Brian finished the game with six catches for 102 receiving yards. It was Crenshaw's longest completion of the season, but more important, it was Princeton's first chance to put points on the board.

Three plays later, however, the Tiger offense got a scare when Lafayette outside linebacker Matt Curcio stormed into the pocket unmarked and delivered a hard sack to Crenshaw for a seven-yard loss.

More than those seven yards, though, the 14,805 fans in Princeton Stadium thought that the Tigers had just lost their starting quarterback.

"They brought seven guys, and we had six to block," Crenshaw said. "Somebody came free up the comer who I didn't see. I just got my bell rung a little bit."

Northrop Enters

After Crenshaw was escorted off the field, sophomore kicker Taylor Northrop made his entrance on fourth down with the field goal squad. The successful 44-yard kick just sneaked over the crossbar to give Princeton a 3-0 lead.

After dehydrating himself in the Fordham game October 2, Northrop has since been a healthy — and busy — man for Princeton. The senior finished with three field goals, three punts, six kickoffs, one extra point and even a touchdown-saving tackle against Lafayette.

After the Tigers' next drive set up another Northrop strike, Lafayette had the ball deep in its own territory. On third and 12 from his own 14, Lafayette quarterback Brian Buczek took the snap but was quickly met by onrushing Princeton senior defensive end David Ferrara. Buczek scrambled to make a completion, and he succeeded — but to the wrong team. With no Leopards in sight, Princeton senior strong safety Ryan Demler grabbed his third interception of the season to put the Tigers in prime scoring position.

"I'm highly disappointed," Buczek said. "We couldn't have played much worse offensively. I honestly can't believe I played as bad as I did."

On Princeton's ensuing play, Crenshaw lofted a 16-yard pass to the right side of the end zone and the waiting arms of senior wide receiver Phil Wendler. Crenshaw had his first career touchdown pass, and Princeton had firm control of the game.

"It was a big lift for us," Crenshaw said. "It sort of demonstrated that Princeton's not a nickel-and-dime offense. We can score on big plays as well. It was good for me just to get my first touchdown pass out of the way."

Throughout the day, senior running back Derek Theisen came through for the Princeton offense on the ground. Theisen had been alternating with Atkinson, but with the freshman out with a concussion in the first quarter, the rushing burden rested with Theisen. The senior raced for his 147 yards on 32 carries and a two-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"I wasn't used to that much work, but I'm glad to take it," Thelsen said. "Thirty-some carries — I haven't seen that since my senior year of high school. There were a couple gapers, and I just tried to exploit it."

"Derek had to go the whole way for us," Tosches said. "I thought he gave us a good, tough effort. He really hung in there and played well."

In his third week as starting quarterback,

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Ivy Football Forecast

Harvard* over Princeton. Tigers must step up to beat Crimson, and the step is just too big for them.

Cornell over Dartmouth*. It's hell being in Hanover these days.

Yale over Columbia. Ells have won four straight since opening loss to Brown.

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Last Week's Scores

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Brown 27 Rhode Island 25
Colgate 55 Cornell 16
Harvard 37 Fordham 30
Penn 41 Columbia 17
Yale 44 Dartmouth 3

	Ivy			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Cornell	3	0	1.000	4	1	.800
Penn	2	0	1.000	3	2	.667
Brown	2	1	.667	4	1	.800
Yale	1	1	.500	4	1	.800
Harvard	1	1	.500	3	2	.600
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Princeton	0	2	.000	2	3	.400
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Tiger Football

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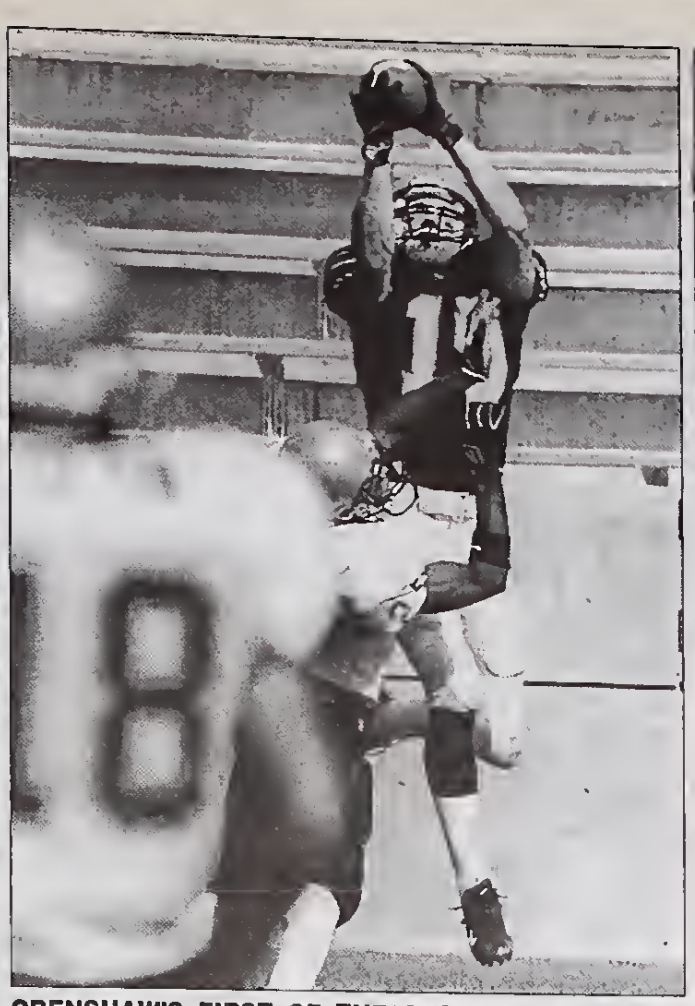
Crenshaw delivered his best performance to date. The sophomore went 21 of 35 for 218 passing yards.

"We tried to really set some things up as easily as we could to try to get [Crenshaw's] confidence level up," Tosches said. "I thought he played much better. Of his three weeks, this is without a doubt his best effort. I'm just trying to help him with his confidence level. Without hurting this football team, without compromising what is best for the team and the offense, I'm trying to help this kid really grow, really take a step forward."

In the second half, however, the Princeton offense — like Lafayette's — struggled to finish off drives. There was a stretch of four straight "three-and-outs" by the teams in the third quarter.

The biggest improvement from last week for the Tigers was the success of the Princeton defense in stopping the Leopards both on the ground and in the air. Lafayette running back Brian Tuma burst through the Tiger line for a 59-yard gain at the end of the first half, but Princeton only allowed 20 total rushing yards in the second half.



CRENSHAW'S FIRST OF THE SEASON: Quarterback Tommy Crenshaw, who had thrown six interceptions in his first four games, connected on his first touchdown pass of the season, a 16-yard pass to wide receiver Phil Wendler in the second quarter.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

"Our defense played very well," Tosches said. "I think our front controlled the line of scrimmage. I'm sure they're not happy with that one drive at the end, but for the most part our defense played very well."

That one drive came near the end of the fourth quarter and ended with a perfect 29-yard touchdown strike from Lafayette backup quarterback Harry Armstrong right through the Princeton secondary.

The Tigers head to Harvard next weekend for a critical Ivy contest with the Crimson. The Class of 1999 has yet to beat Harvard in its collective career, so this week, as Tosches said, is "senior week."

"We've got to be able to step up," Tosches said. "We haven't been able to do that yet against a better football team. We've got to beat a team with a winning record. We've got to beat the better teams on our schedule right now if we want to come away with a winning season. And that's certainly our goal as we go on now to the second half."

"it's a huge game," Ferrara said. "It's a turning point for us. It's the first game of the second half of the season. It could really be a springboard for us." **—Rick Bullock**

Princeton Football Is Facing Daunting Task Of Turning Season Around in Last 5 Games

The Princeton football team has reached the midpoint in its season at 2-3, and the chances of turning that mark into 6-4 by season's end seem remote, given the limited abilities of this struggling squad.

The 22-10 triumph over Lafayette was an absolute must to avoid a total collapse, but along with Fordham the Tigers have now beaten two teams with a combined record of 1-11.

"What we have to do is step up," Tosches said after Saturday's game. "We haven't been able to do that against the better football teams ... We have to go out and beat a team with a winning record."

A much better Princeton team would have had trouble with the likes of Cornell, Lehigh and Brown, whose combined mark is 14-2. Each week of the first five has basically been a mismatch one way or the other.

This brings us to Harvard, and the 3-2 Crimson offer the perfect chance for the Orange and Black to take that next step. The Cantabs have defeated Columbia, Holy Cross and Fordham, and lost to Colgate and Cornell. That 37-30 Fordham score last weekend is somewhat deceiving. The Crimson led 34-3 at halftime, and obviously lost their focus in the second half.

Harvard has a decent, if unspectacular, quarterback in senior Brad Wilford. He's no Jim Parry (Brown) or Phil Stambaugh (Lehigh), but he's far superior to the mediocre passers who threw for Fordham or Lafayette. The Harvard defense is nothing special either, but Tiger quarterback Tommy Crenshaw, who had a good game against the Leopards, will need to have a better one against the Crimson.

Princeton has not defeated Harvard since 1995 when the 8-1-1 team won 14-3 in Cambridge. It lost last year's contest by one point, 23-22, the 1997 one by two, 14-12. The score in this one won't be as close, and Harvard will end on top, 24-14.

Around the league, Brown came up with a superlative effort to defeat Rhode Island for the first time in many years, setting the stage for a showdown with Penn in Philadelphia. Beaten by Cornell, the Bruins cannot afford another league loss. The Quakers and Cornell, which should cruise in Hanover this weekend, are the two remaining undefeated teams. Yale, riding a four-game winning streak and a 44-3 rout of Dartmouth, will make it five against Columbia in New York. **—Jeb Stuart**

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Penn Is Favored Over Princeton In Ivy Men's Hoops

Princeton men's basketball is notorious for pulling off upsets and near-upsets in the NCAA tournament.

But this year the Tigers will need to pull off an upset just to get to the tournament. Penn, which won the Ivy League title last year, is favored to repeat. The Quakers got 16-of-16 first place votes in a recent media poll conducted by the league.

If last season is any indication, the only way for an Ivy team to get an NCAA bid is to win the league title. Princeton beat four tournament teams — UNC Charlotte, Alabama Birmingham (UAB), Texas, and Penn (once in two meetings) — in 1998-99, but was not invited to the big dance.

Unless they can beat Penn, the Tigers may suffer that same fate next March. Once again, Princeton will face a host of big name teams in the early, non-Ivy portion of its schedule.

The Tigers open against Syracuse November 12, at Syracuse, in the NABC Classic, and play either Missouri or Wisconsin the next night. After the annual Monmouth game, this year's November 20 home opener, Princeton plays Ohio University in Nova Scotia on the 27th.

December brings even more tough games, or upset opportunities, depending on how you look at it — UNLV on the 3rd; either North Carolina or the College of Charleston a day later; Texas Christian, at Jadwin, on the 9th; Rutgers on the 12th; UAB, at Jadwin, on the 18th; Kansas on the 22nd; and Xavier (which knocked Princeton out of the NIT to end last season) on the 27th.

Princeton's first Ivy League game is January 28 at Cornell. The Tigers face off with Penn for the first time February 15 at Jadwin, and travel to the Palestra for their regular season finale, against the Quakers, on March 7.

Dartmouth made a brief run at the top last season, and is expected to again field a good team. But they have 31 years of history going against them. Aside from Brown in 1985-86, and Cornell in 1987-88, either Princeton or Penn has placed first every year since 1968.

Nonetheless, neither the Tigers nor the Quakers can afford to take any of their league games lightly. Last season, after coming from 20-plus points down to stun the Quakers in their first meeting, the Tigers self-destructed against Yale and Harvard, allowing Penn to split its games with Princeton and still win the title.

—Albert Raboteau

For Opposite Questions Favorites Seek Answers

As always, Penn and Princeton are expected to duke it out for the Ivy League men's basketball title.

The perennial favorites are faced with opposite problems heading into the 1999-00 season.

Penn has a talented and experienced backcourt, but graduated two starting forwards, leaving some big shoes to fill up front.

Princeton returns the league's premier center, Chris Young, and senior forward Mason Rocca, a rebounding machine, but has to replace its two biggest three-point threats, Brian Earl and Gabe Lewullis.

For Princeton's much talked about "retro" style of basketball to work, it needs a long-range bomber. Without an outside threat, opponents can pack in defenses and neutralize the Tigers' trademark back-door cuts.

C.J. Chapman, a junior, had some high scoring games last season, but was inconsistent overall. Highly touted freshman Spencer Glogler is known for his shooting, but has yet to prove himself in college play. And Ahmed El-Nokali, who traded starts with Chapman in the Tiger backcourt last season, was not a major threat from beyond the arc.

Penn is favored to repeat as Ivy champs, but if the Tigers start raining threes as in years past, they will be tough to beat.

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PHS Football Loses Heartbreaking Game At McCorristin

A pessimist would say Princeton High football reached a new low in losing 28-20 Friday to McCorristin, the one team it has beaten consistently in recent years.

An optimist would say this year's Princeton High team reached a new high in only losing by eight, in being in position to win at the end of the game for the first time this year, and in getting a breakout game from its starting running back.

And the optimist would be right. Past results are good for nothing on a football field, where looking backwards will just get you clobbered by that tackler in front of you. Teams start fresh each year. After a few games they develop an identity wholly separate from the year before, and should thereafter be judged on their own merits.

Though it lost, in the McCorristin game Princeton showed improvement from earlier this season, the only standard it can fairly be judged by, since it and its opponents all had different players last year.

At McCorristin, the Tigers finally started to gel offensively. Senior captain Mattaay Smith ran 12 times for 169 yards and one touchdown — more yards than he gained in the rest of this year's games combined. Mike Bess passed for 119 yards, completed over half his throws, and ran for a touchdown. Ben Wu caught two passes for 61 yards, including a 55-yard touchdown.

Wu's touchdown came with seven minutes left in the fourth quarter and his team down 10. Along with a two-point conversion, it cut McCorristin's lead to 22-20. Princeton's defense then played its best sequence all season, and, following a huge sack by Will Tisdale on third down, the Mikes had to punt from their own 28 with 5:12 on the clock.

Costly Fumble

McCorristin shanked it, and Princeton took over on the Mikes' 28 — the high point of the game for Tiger fans, whose team had trailed all day.

The low point followed soon after. McCorristin's Mr. Everything, John Rotundo — who plays running back and defensive lineman, and handles kickoffs — tackled Smith for a three-yard loss on first down, then scooped up a second-down fumble and ran it 68 yards for a touchdown.

The stunned Tigers could have quit there, but rallied to stop the Mikes' two-point conversion attempt. Down 28-20 with four minutes left, Princeton still had a pulse. It could have tied the game with a touchdown and two-point conversion.

Rotundo tried for an on-sides kick. Princeton, which fumbled away two such kicks earlier in the game, fell on the ball at its own 37. But a second-down interception killed the Tigers' last-ditch drive and any remaining Princeton hopes.

Rotundo beat Princeton every way possible. He put his team on top early with a short touchdown run. A two-point conversion made it 8-0 McCorristin. Bess scrambled in soon afterwards to make it 8-7. Rotundo then caught a touchdown pass, which was followed by another two-points-after, making it 16-7 at halftime. Smith broke off a 70-yard touchdown run early in the third period, and a botched PAT left the Tigers down 16-13. McCorristin got another rushing touchdown and failed to run in the extra point. Wu's touchdown brought Princeton within two, but Rotundo's fumble return soon followed.

"This was the first time our guys were in a close game," said first year PHS coach Ray Strelecki. "They just don't have the winning experience to know what to do. They're upset, but that's football — one play here, one play there. That's how games turn. It was a great football game. Unfortunately, we just came out on the short end."

A pessimist would dispute Strelecki's claim that it was a great game, citing numerous penalties and turnovers. An optimist would agree that the contest, turnovers and all, was a thrilling one to watch — one where both squads left their hearts on the field, and one, sadly, had its broken.

Once again, the optimist would be right.

—Albert Raboteau

Three Wins, One Loss For PHS Teams Monday

In Monday action, Princeton High's boys' and girls' soccer and girls' tennis teams won, and its field hockey team lost.

Girls' soccer got two goals from Amy Leedham, and a goal and two assists each from Munti Abdul-Karim and Amanda Steele to down Ewing 7-5. Liz Miller also scored for the Tigers, who improved to 8-4-2. Jessica Lee made 7 saves for the winners.

Boys' soccer had no trouble with town rival Princeton Day, winning 10-0. Matt Levine scored four goals; Dixon Hayes had three assists; and Matt Landau, Victor Martinez, Eric Krieger, Whitney Hayes, Juan Pablo Ramirez and Gerard Reddy netted one goal apiece. The Tigers outshot the Panthers 27-4. PHS keepers Salvi Baldino and Matt Blass combined for the shutout. Each made four saves. Princeton High improved to 10-1-2.

Girls' tennis improved to 12-1 with another 5-0 win, this time over Hamilton: It was Princeton's 10th shutout this season. The Hornets managed to win just one game. Jill Matasovsky lost 6-0, 6-1 to Annemarie Schoemaker at second singles. Princeton won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles, third singles and first doubles, and won by default at second doubles.

Field Hockey lost its fifth straight and is now 3-7. Hopewell Valley downed the visiting Tigers 3-0. Most of the game took place far from the goals, as the combatants got off only five shots combined. Hopewell outshot PHS 4-1.

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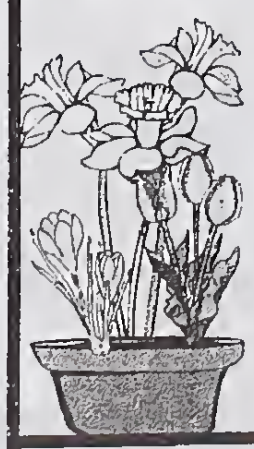

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FLATTENED: Hun's Andrew Zimmer leveled a Blair running back on this play.

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Hun Football Team Finds Positives In Homecoming Loss

Blair pounded Hun 42-13 Saturday but could not ruin homecoming for the Raiders, whose quarterback and top receiver each had career days.

Junior quarterback T.J. DiMuzio threw for 246 yards and completed 21-of-35 passes. Senior wideout John Mervin accounted for 208 of those yards despite being sidelined periodically with leg cramps.

Mervin, who has a potassium deficiency, has been plagued by cramps throughout his notable career. "I think as a team we played really hard," said Mervin, "We did the best we could. We're going to be happy tonight. The scoreboard doesn't say it, we didn't get it in the end zone, but we played pretty well as a team even though we did get beat."

"[Blair] is a real good football team," said Hun coach Dave Dudeck. "I give our kids a lot of credit for sticking in there. We had a hard time defensively. They're all power coming right at you. For us to stay in there for four quarters and play with them was a good thing. I always look at the glass half full."

Blair (3-2) had a 98-yard touchdown run early, followed by touchdown runs of two and 68 yards to lead 21-0 at the end of the first quarter. It scored twice in the second quarter, before DiMuzio found John Lynch in the end zone to make it 33-7. Rob Kale rushed 48 yards for Hun's second and last score shortly after halftime. Blair answered with another touchdown, and had a two-point conversion to make it 42-13. Hun is now 1-4.

Hun School Goes 1-2 In Monday's Contests

On Monday Hun won in field hockey and lost in girls' tennis and girls' soccer.

Field hockey shut out Morristown-Beard 3-0 on the road. Jamie Bills, Whitney Hosea and Kelly Brennan scored. Alyson Duggan had four saves to earn the shutout. Hun improved to 5-5 and made a long year a little longer for 1-10-1 Morristown.

Girls' tennis lost 4-1 to Oak Knoll, with Alana Fares and Jenn Miller notching the lone Raider win 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) 6-4 at first doubles. Girls soccer lost 3-0 to visiting Hightstown, which led by Kerry Camisa, who scored a goal and assisted another. The Rams outshot the Raiders 12-7.

Heather Jaffe and Joelle Francht made seven saves combined for the losers. Hun slipped to 5-3-2.

Bojcun Scores Twice Hun Girls' Soccer Wins

Lydia Bojcun scored twice Saturday to lead Hun girls' soccer to a 3-1 homecoming win over Blair.

Pamela Naaman scored Hun's other goal unassisted. Bojcun's goals were assisted by Leslie Breen and Caroline Francht. Hun went up 2-0 before halftime, then played its guest even in the second half.

The Raiders outshot Blair 14-4, and improved to 6-2-2. Blair fell to 2-10-1. It was Hun's fifth win in seven games. It had not lost during that period, but snapped a string of two ties by beating Blair.

One Loss, Three Wins For Hun Girls' Tennis

Hun lost 4½-½ to East Brunswick on October 12, then reeled off three straight 4-1 wins — over Wardlaw on the 13th, Princeton Day on the 15th, and Blair on the 16th.

Mackenzie Merritt and Jenn Miller earned a draw at first doubles to keep Hun from being swept at East Brunswick.

A day later at Wardlaw, the Raiders won everywhere but at first singles, with Victoria Kloss and Kate Goldsmith breezing to a 6-0, 6-0 win at second doubles.

Against visiting Princeton Day, Hun won in straight sets everywhere but second doubles, though it took a second set tiebreak for Merritt and Miller to win at first doubles — their score: 6-1, 7-6 (7-5).

The Raiders improved to 8-4 by winning their homecoming contest against Blair. Once again it was straight set victories in every category but first singles.

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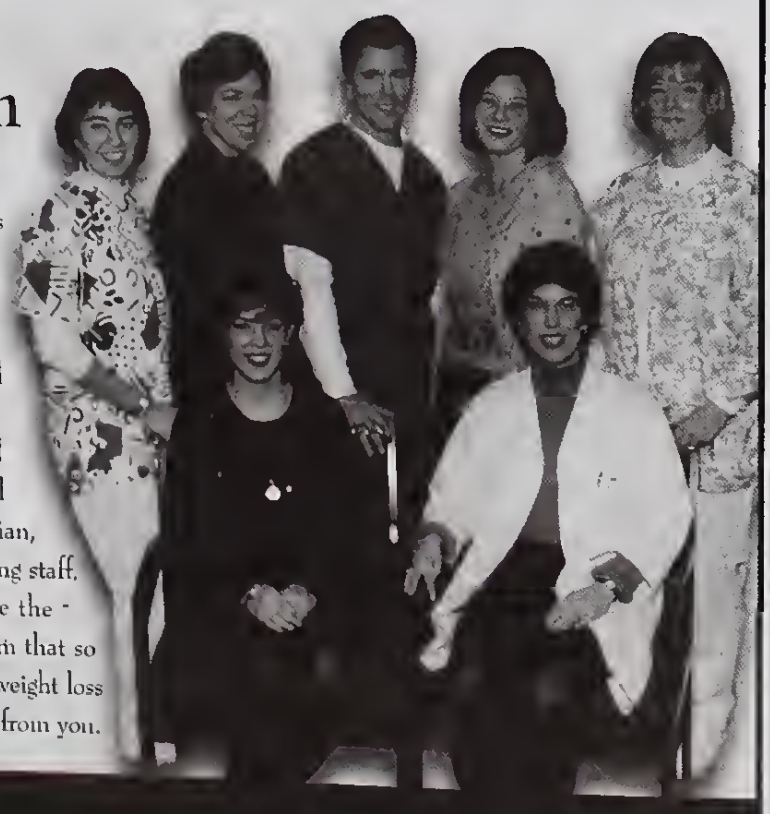

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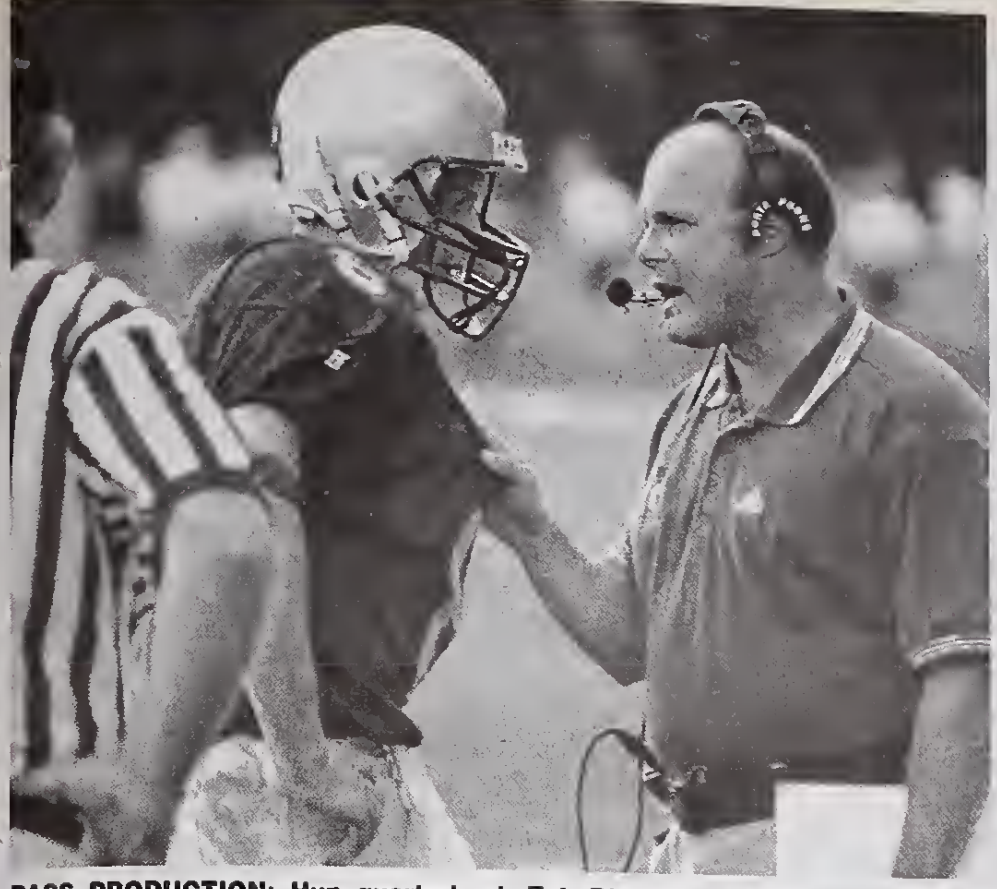

PASS PRODUCTION: Hun quarterback T.J. DiMuzio gets instructions from coach Dave Dudeck. DiMuzio threw for 246 yards in Hun's homecoming loss Saturday to Blair.

(Photo by Albert Raboteau)

After holding St. Benedict's — the No. 1 team in the state and the nation — to just one goal per half, losing 2-0, the Raiders bounced back to win their homecoming game Saturday 2-1 over Blair Academy.

Doug Cortina converted a pass from T.J. Bayless with 14 minutes left in the second half to put Hun up for good over Blair. Joe Coyle scored for the Raiders in the first half.

The game was tied 1-1 at the break. Blair did well to lose by so little considering Hun outshot it 26-4. The surging Raiders improved to 4-6-1 with their fourth win in five games.

Cesar Cuellar scored twice to give St. Benedict's its expected win at Hun. The visitors outshot their hosts 20-12. Hun goalie John D'Antonio made seven saves to keep it close. With the win, the Gray Bees improved to 11-1.

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Hun Field Hockey Team Splits Its Two Contests

Hun field hockey rebounded from a 3-0 loss October 13 at Stuart by eking out a 2-1 homecoming win Saturday over Blair in overtime.

Kelly Brennan assisted Hun's first goal, then scored the game winner unassisted with 8:30 left in the first of two extra periods.

Brennan found Whitney Hosea, who sent the ball into the cage to put the Raiders on the board first in the opening period. Blair got one by Hun keeper Alyson Duggan in the second half to force overtime.

Duggan finished with seven saves. Her team had a 12-8 edge in shots. Hun improved to 4-5. With the loss, Blair also stood at 4-5. Hun is now 2-1 in overtime games, having beat Hightstown 2-1 on September 25 and lost 1-0 to Nottingham in the county tournament.

Stuart took twice as many shots (14-7) and improved to 5-2-1 at Hun's expense. Duggan made 11 saves in a game effort, but got the loss nonetheless. Duggan's Stuart counterpart, Hannah Murnen, stopped all seven Raider shots that reached her.

Hun Boys' Soccer Gets Good Loss Then Good Win

Losses are supposed to sap a team's momentum, but a (relatively) narrow loss to mighty St. Benedict's on October 14 seemed to give Hun boys' soccer a boost.

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KICK SAVE BY GINGIS: PDS field hockey goalie Leila Gingis stops a Lawrenceville shot in second half action of the Mercer County Tournament last Saturday. Gingis made 11 saves, but the Big Red prevailed, 2-1.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

New Day, Same Score; Big Red Beats PDS

Nine days after it had lost to Lawrenceville, 2-1, in the regular season, the Princeton Day field hockey team returned to the same field, and lost by the same score.

This time it was the Mercer County Tournament semifinals, and the loss means the defending champion Panthers will not repeat this fall. And they won't repeat as Prep A champs either, unless they find a way to defeat the Big Red.

Lawrenceville made a couple of first half goals stand up, and then relied on good defense in the second to win this one. Emily O'Hara cut the deficit in half when she scored off a corner by Lila Cruickshank, who set a record with her eighth career assist in the MCT. O'Hara then had a chance to tie the score when she was awarded a penalty shot with 12:38 left.

But her shot hit the left post, and bounded away. Lawrenceville improved its record to 8-1 with the win, PDS saw its season's mark fall to 6-3-2.

Earlier in the week PDS had a rematch with Peddie and fared better in this one The score was closer than the 5-2 victory the first time, but the result was the same. This time coach Jill Thomas' team squeezed out a 2-1 triumph on goals by O'Hara and Kate Weber. The Falcons managed a 1-0 lead at the end of the first half, but PDS prevailed in the second.

PDS Girls Soccer Nips Undefeated Pennington

The week didn't begin well for the Princeton Day girls soccer team, which lost 4-3 to Gill St. Bernards in overtime for its third consecutive defeat.

But the 7-4 Panthers certainly turned things around on Saturday handing undefeated Pennington (8-1-2) its first loss of the season. This week the Blue and White was scheduled to face Ranney at home this past Tuesday, and Ridgewood High School on the road Friday.

The Gill-St. Bernard's contest was tied 1-1 at halftime, but the home team tallied three times after the intermission to win this one going away, 4-1. Kerry Golcher got the lone score for the Panthers, who were outshot, 25 to 12.

On Saturday, Princeton Day surprised Pennington with a pair of first half goals by Golcher for a 2-0 lead at halftime. Stephanie Costa assisted on the first one. After the intermission, Pennington came back to score twice, but Laura Gosnell score to give PDS a 3-2 victory. PDS was outshot, 21-9, but it didn't matter.

One Win, Two Losses For PDS Girls Tennis

The Princeton Day girls tennis team had a tough beginning last week losing a pair of lopsided matches, but by Saturday the Panthers found an easier opponent in Saddle Rive and cruised to a 5-0 triumph. Their record is now, 9-3.

A week ago the Panthers faced perennial power West Windsor-Plainsboro and had their usual struggle to make the match look respectable. When PDS plays the Pirates its not about winning the match, or sometimes even sets, but games.

This time the Blue and White did not win a set but did manage to win 10 games over all. The consolation prize went to Jessica Batt who won four games at second singles in a 6-3, 6-1 defeat. The last time PDS won at least one individual match from WWP was in 1995.

Things didn't get much easier three days later, when PDS faced Hun, and lost 4-1. The only winners were Sarah Fort and Ilana Goldfarb at second doubles, who whipped their opponents, 6-4, 6-4. Julie Wilson, Batt and Summer Headley all lost in two sets, but at first doubles Tyler Bracken and Dorian Batt at least stretched their opponents to a second-set tiebreaker before going down.

After those two defeats the Saddle River match was just the tonic PDS needed to regain some confidence. Everybody won in two sets, without losing more than three games. The Panthers were scheduled to play Purnell this past Tuesday, and the Prep B Tournament will begin on Tuesday.

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DUELING STICKS: Princeton Day's Emily O'Hara battles a Lawrenceville player for the ball during the second half, as Lila Cruickshank watches from behind. O'Hara got the Panthers' lone goal. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PDS Football Is Victor Over Winless Wardlaw

Entering the fourth quarter of last Saturday's game, the Princeton Day football team seemed headed for its third consecutive defeat, this time against an 0-5 Wardlaw eleven.

Running back John Dorazio turned that all around in the final period, running for two touchdowns to give the Panthers a 12-7 triumph. The victory enabled coach Billy Martin's team to even its record at 3-3. The Blue and White will face The Harvey School this Saturday in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

For a while it looked like Wardlaw's only touchdown would be enough to produce a win. The Rams had scored on a drive that covered 90 yards and used a huge chuck of the second quarter, eight and a half minutes. Twice PDS had gotten inside the Wardlaw five-yard line, but was stopped on downs once, and time ran out in the second quarter the other time.

Dorazio had a big day all around, gaining 167 yards on just 14 carries. It was all needed because first-string quarterback Wilson Weed went out with a hand injury. Early in the fourth, Dorazio shot through the line and rumbled 35 yards for a touchdown to bring PDS within one, 7-6. But PDS failed in its attempt to run the ball in for a two-point conversion, and still trailed, 7-6.

With 1:35 left in the game, PDS got the ball back on the Rams' 46-yard line after a punt. Dorazio wasted no time, going the entire distance off left tackle for the winning score.

PDS Soccer Stops Skid With Saddle River Win

What had been a three-game losing streak for the PDS soccer team ended last Saturday when the Panthers defeated Saddle River 2-0. Its record is now 8-5.

Prior to that PDS had lost to Pingry, and then a couple of Prep B opponents, Gill St. Bernards, 4-3 in overtime, and Pennington, 2-0.

The GSB contest was a see-saw affair with each team scoring once in each half for a 2-2 deadlock at the end of regulation. The visitors scored first in the extra session, but Charlie Denby's second goal of the contest knotted the score at 3-3. But before time had run out, Gill came back with the winning goal. James Patrick got the other goal for PDS.

Two days later, PDS did not score at all in a 2-0 loss to Pennington. The Raiders got both goals in the first half, and goalie Ryan Murray stopped 10 shots to preserve the shutout.

Against 10-2 Saddle River, PDS rebounded to defeat the top-seeded team in the upcoming Prep B tournament, 2-0. After a scoreless first half, the Panthers scored what proved to be the winning goal when Denby set up Andrew Miller. Near the end Denby worked his magic again, gaining control of a ball at midfield and sending it up to Mike Battaglia who beat the SR goalie on a one-on-one.

Now with a record of 8-5, the Panthers were scheduled to play Rutgers Prep this past Tuesday and Trenton High on Saturday in regular season action. On Monday, fourth-seeded PDS will face fifth-seeded Newark Academy at home in the quarterfinal round of the Prep B tournament. A win there would probably send the Panthers back against Saddle River in the semifinals to be played Monday, November 1.

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Stuart Gets Wins In Field Hockey, Tennis

Stuart Country Day field hockey beat Morristown-Beard October 12 and Hun the next day to improve to 5-2-1.

The Tartan tennis squad battled Rutgers Prep to a tie on the 12th and shut out Morristown on the 13th.

The field hockey team rallied from a loss to West Windsor in the county tournament with an 8-1 win over Morristown. "The team really connected in this game after such a hard loss to West Windsor," said Tartan co-captain Amanda Muller. "We communicated well ... all over the field, everyone played great."

Sarah Driscoll, Allison Gratton and Dianna Jones each scored two goals, while Emily Kim and Alex Woodworth netted one apiece. A day later Stuart shut out town rival Hun 3-0. Muller, Gratton and Dianna Jones scored.

On the 12th, in tennis, Stuart's third singles player, Jackie Cannon, tied her Rutgers Prep opponent. The Tartans got wins in both doubles positions, and losses at first and second singles, to come away with a draw. A day later they swept visiting Morristown.

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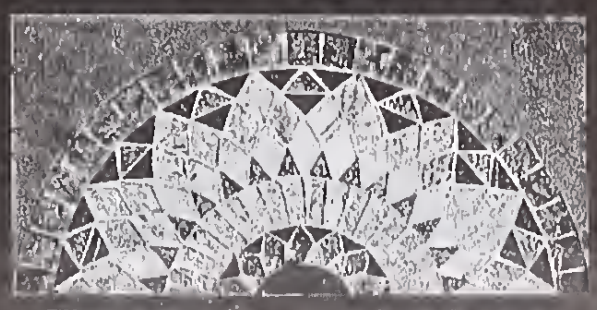

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Princeton High's Lauren Cortese (left) tries to get by a Hamilton defender.

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Move to PHS Midfield No Step Back For Abdul-Karim

Munti Abdul-Karim led Princeton High girls' soccer in goals scored last season. She is scoring less often this year, but is contributing just as much.

Abdul-Karim was moved from attack to midfield for 1999. Once a finisher, she is now a play-maker. And the role, while less glamourous, suits her just fine.

"It's a different experience," said the senior of her new position, after assisting all three Tiger goals in her team's 3-2 overtime win October 14 over visiting Hamilton. "It's a new challenge. You give instructions and help develop the play. Without you it wouldn't happen.

"We lost Jess Beeson [to graduation]," added Abdul-Karim, "And I was asked to take her place. I can't complain. We have two great forwards, Liz [Miller] and Cora [Barros]."

Against Hamilton, Miller put PHS up for good in the first of two 10-minute overtime periods. It was her second goal of the day. A junior, she has developed quite a rapport with Abdul-Karim in her three years with the Tigers, and while playing with Abdul-Karim on a traveling team in the off-season.

"Munti and I always have a pretty good sense of where we'll be on the field," said Miller. "I was on the wing and made a run, and she knew right where to find me. She sent me an awesome ball."

Miller sent the ball into the net, and, in doing so, sent her team into the state playoffs. The win guaranteed Princeton (6-4-2) a tournament birth.

Miller scored Princeton's first goal. Sophomore Amy Leedham tallied 40 seconds before halftime to give PHS a 2-1 lead. Late in the second period, a Princeton hand-ball in the box allowed Hamilton to make it 2-2 on a penalty shot.

Munti Abdul-Karim

"They just have a lot of heart," said PHS coach Greg Hand of his team, which bounced back from a 2-0 home loss to Nottingham October 12. "They showed individual effort, tactical play, and the ability to come back from adversity, after the hand-ball. The team has been excellent at stepping forward when the game's on the line."

Princeton outshot the Hornets 23-13, and got 11 saves from junior keeper Jessica Lee, including several key stops in each overtime period.

Abdul-Karim scored once and Miller twice as the Tigers won 3-0 Saturday at George. PHS outshot its host 22-12. Princeton improved to 7-4-2. Lee made six saves for the shutout. She has won four of five since stepping in for injured starter Liz Just, who suffered a concussion against Hopewell on October 4 and is expected back soon.

—Albert Raboteau

PHS Girls' Tennis Team Shuts out N'Ham, Twice

Princeton High girls' tennis won all five matches against Nottingham October 14 to knock Nottingham out of the state tournament, then beat the Northstars 5-0 again, a day later, in a regular season game.

The playoff win sent the third-seeded Tigers to No. 2 Watchung Hills for a match that was scheduled to start as TOWN TOPICS was going to press. Watchung Hills bumped PHS from the tournament last year, winning 3-2 on October 20, 1998.

Nottingham's Denise Duay will probably have nightmares about Princeton's Mateya McCoy, after losing to her 6-0, 6-0 two days in a row at first singles. Janine Hicks fared slightly better against Annemarie Schoemaker at second singles, winning one game in their first meeting.

Ann Raldow beat Katie Sclavi 6-1, 6-0 on the 14th and 6-0, 6-1 on the 15th. Meredith Dossin and Alexis Distler won 6-0, 6-0 over Abbie Duay and Diana Wagner on the 14th at first singles. A day later, Dossin and Mary Katherine Sheena beat Duay and Wagner 6-1, 6-3.

At second doubles, Sheena and Catherine Visnjic beat Jasmine Maldonado and Sasha Plushanski 6-4, 6-1 on the 14th. Visnjic and Loriana Cican won 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 over Maldonado and Plushanski on the 15th.

McCoy suffered her first loss this season, Saturday in the state singles tournament. She fell 7-5, 6-2 to Lara Spagnuolo of Shawnee in the round of 16.

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THE RACE IS ON: Princeton High's Elizabeth Harvey (left) races a Hamilton player for the ball.

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Nick Massari gathered a pass from Frank Walter, and rifled it by PHS keeper Salvi Baldino to put the Hornets up before halftime. Princeton, which except for a tie with Hopewell won all its conference games last season, as of Sunday had two ties and one loss in CVC play this year.

Steinert, tied by the Tigers in their one 1999 meeting, is the only CVC squad still undefeated.

As of Sunday, PHS had scored more goals (52) than any other CVC team, and was third in team defense, with 13 goals allowed. Steinert, which ranks second in goals scored with 46, has given up just four goals; Hopewell has surrendered 12.

On October 12 the Tigers downed Nottingham 3-1. Juan Pablo Ramirez increased his team-leading goal total to 11 by netting an assist from David Guzman. Matt Landau and Gerard Reddy also scored for PHS, which outshot the Northstars 11-3.

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Struck Strikes PHS Which Just Escapes Boys' Soccer Upset

Princeton boys' soccer outshot Hamilton 34-2 but was repeatedly frustrated by Hornet keeper Jakub Struck and nearly lost October 14.

Struck made 20 saves to enable Hamilton, which entered the game 1-10, to nearly pull off a huge upset over Princeton, then 9-1-1.

Hamilton was up 1-0 with five minutes left when the Tigers' Matt Levine scored off a Matt Semmelhack assist to knot it up. Neither team scored over two extra periods, and Princeton escaped with a 1-1 tie.

PHS Field Hockey Drops Fourth in a Row, At ND

Princeton High field hockey lost to Nottingham and Notre Dame last week and was mired in a four game losing streak when it took the field against Hightstown at press time Tuesday.

On Friday at Notre Dame the Tigers suffered their worst loss this season, falling 6-0 to the undefeated Irish. it was a long day for PHS keeper Alissa Agnello, who faced 22 shots and made 15 saves. Princeton got off eight shots, all of which were on target, all of which were blocked. It was Notre Dame's second shutout versus PHS this season; the Irish won 3-0 at PHS on September 21.

On October 14, at Nottingham, the Northstars outscored Princeton 2-1 in the first half and hung on to win by the same. Nottingham took nine shots to the Tigers' four. Agnello made seven saves. Eleanor Wieschaus kept it close by scoring for Princeton off an assist from Alyssa Shell.

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PHS HOMECOMING: Homecoming events at Princeton High School will begin on October 23, at 11, with a football game against Lawrence High School, and culminate in the Homecoming Dance that evening in the old PHS gym. Planning the event, are, front row, from left, PHS Tiger, MarKeesha Ferguson; junior class president Gerard Reddy; Nick Merrill; Shari Deitz; Linda Kruegel, faculty advisor. Back row, Andrew Caprariello and Greg Callahan.

Richard Falk Featured In U.N. Day Event

Sunday, October 24 is the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and thus is designated as United Nations Day worldwide.

In recognition of this, and particularly of the central role of the U.N. as an instrument for world peace, Youth for Peace (affiliated with the Coalition for Peace Action) is joining with the Princeton/-Trenton Chapter of the United Nations Association and the Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton (UUCP) to host a gathering.

The October 24 event will begin at 12:15 at the UUCP, 50 Cherry Hill Road with an international brunch. People wishing to bring dishes from their national heritage should contact Carol Allen, 921-2987. There will be a nominal cost for the brunch, which will benefit the ongoing work of Youth for Peace.

At 1:30, the program will feature several speakers:
Stan Johnson, President of the Princeton/Trenton Chapter of the United Nations Association, and organization that promotes support for the UN and its purposes. Mr. Johnson will speak on a grass-roots perspective of how citizens can support the peace efforts of the UN.

Dr. Richard Falk, Professor

Richard Falk

of International Law at Princeton University and a sponsor of the Coalition for Peace Action will speak on a global perspective of the challenges facing the U.N.

Throughout the afternoon, Youth for Peace will sell hand-made crafts to raise funds for activities. There is a nominal charge of several dollars for the brunch, and the program is free and open to the public.

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Medical Center To Mark 80 Years With a Gala Benefit

On Saturday, November 6, Pretty Brook Farm will be the venue for "A November Night," a gala evening with dining, dancing, and an auction to benefit The Medical Center at Princeton.

Sponsored by the auxiliary of The Medical Center and now in its third year, A November Night will help the Medical Center celebrate its 80th birthday this year. Along with the benefit committee, co-chairs Alex Powers and Kathy Vik have planned the festive birthday benefit with the theme, "Around the World in 80 Days." Proceeds will benefit the renovation of the hospital's Emergency Room.

Festivities will begin at 6, with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and piano music, after which a buffet dinner and dessert will be served. A live auction will follow; and The Maggi Hill Band, a popular local group, will play throughout the evening.

Decorations and delicacies, will transport guests "Around the World..." to the likes of Greece, Mexico, Thailand, Spain and Paris without their leaving the tent.

Flowers and decorations are being designed by Richard Kisco of the Princeton Flower Shop, with table decorations by Jardiniere. International cuisine, as well as the special surprise dessert, will be provided by Main Street.

The live auction will begin at 8:30. A list of donations from merchants and individuals in the greater Princeton area will be auctioned in both the live and silent auctions.

Auction Items

A partial list of auction items includes a private Christmas party for 40, with catering and music; tickets to a private Christmas party with entertainment by The American Boychoir, including cocktails and hors d'oeuvres; tickets to a private gathering with noted local author Joyce Carol Oates; a plane ride; tickets to the Flyers, the Knicks, the Giants, and to the Steinbrenner box for a Yankees game; tickets to the Nutcracker ballet at McCarter; vacation home stays in Maine, Sagaponack, and New York City; a furnished children's playhouse; landscaping consultation and two trees; garden consultation; and much more.

The Auxiliary of The Medical Center at Princeton is a nonprofit fundraising arm of the Medical Center. Its members donate their time and expertise to work on auxiliary-sponsored programs including The June Fete, the White Elephant Rummage Sale, and A November Night. Proceeds from these events help fulfill yearly pledges to the Medical Center.

This year's beneficiary, The Emergency Room at Princeton Hospital, serves patients from Princeton and 15 surrounding communities and handles 30,000 cases annually.

Renovations to the ER, which has not undergone a major overhaul since it was built in 1972, will occur in two new distinct areas.

The self-contained Fast Track Suite, already in operation, provides prompt treatment of less serious ER cases in one hour or less, from registration to departure.

The other area, the Acute Emergency Care Suite, will be dedicated to more serious emergency cases. With the Fast Track Suite, fewer patients will need to use the Acute Care Suite, resulting in better space for patient care, professional staff members, and equipment.

Attendance at A November Night is limited to 400 people. Tickets are (per person) $125 for Patrons, $175 for Sponsors, and $250 for Benefactors. For more information, call Ms. Powers, at 921-6377, or Ms. Vik, at 497-9722.

REPUBLICAN FUND RAISER: A cocktail reception for local Republican candidates will be held on Sunday, October 24, from 5 to 7, at the home of Cosmo and Marion Iacavazzi, 190 Mercer Street, featuring County Executive Robert Prunetti as guest speaker. Front row, from left, are Alan Hegedus, Dorothy Bedford, and Tommy Parker; back row, Kathleen Bagley, Marion Iacavazzi, Pat Strazza, and Cosmo Iacavazzi. Call 921-8562.

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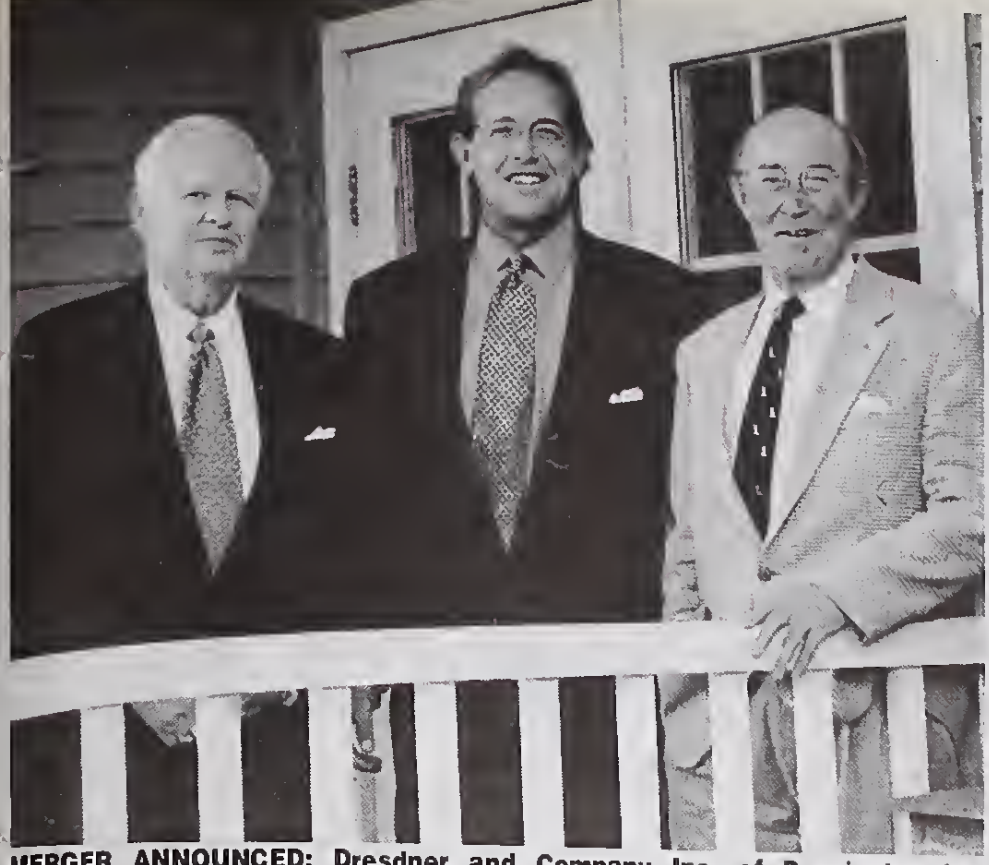

MERGER ANNOUNCED: Dresdner and Company Inc. of Pennington has announced an agreement to merge with Church Capital Management, Inc. of Yardley, Pa. The investment advisors will maintain offices in Yardley at Church Capital's present location. K. Philip Dresdner (left) and executives of Church Capital Management, Gregory A. Church (center) and Arthur Hopper, are pictured following the announcement. Church Capital has assets under management exceeding $500 million.

they believe finding them in the cognitive portions of the brain opens vast new areas for research.

"It shows there are natural mechanisms in the brain that, someday, might be harnessed for therapeutic purposes to replenish damaged areas of the brain," said Prof. Gould.

Prof. Greenough said the study has major implications for theories on how the brain develops. He said it casts doubt on the idea that the all-important time for brain development is from birth to age three, and hints that experiences in adolescence and adulthood can affect the physical structure of the brain.

Princeton graduate student Alison Reeves and research staff member Michael Graziano also worked on the experiment.

It was the second significant neuroscience finding at Princeton in as many months. In early September, neurobiologist Joe Tsien and colleagues found adding a gene to mice boosted their memory and learning abilities.

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Neurons Develop During Adulthood, PU Scientists Find

In a reversal of long held scientific beliefs, a group of Princeton University scientists has found evidence that neurons regenerate in the most advanced section of the brains of adult monkeys.

The finding, published in the October 15 issue of Science, by Professors Elizabeth Gould and Charles Gross of the university's psychology department, imply the same process takes place in humans, which share similar brain features with monkeys.

Their findings may one day lead to new treatments for brain diseases and injuries, according to a university press release.

"This is an absolutely novel result," said William T. Greenough, director of the neuroscience program at the University of Illinois' Beckman Institute. "These data scream for re-analysis of human brain development."

For most of this century neuroscientists have believed that primate brains, unlike other organs, are incapable of repairing themselves or growing new cells, and that new neurons are not produced in adulthood.

Over the past decade, this belief has been eroded by the discovery of neurogenesis — the creation of neurons — in less advanced areas of the brain, such as the olfactory system and hippocampus.

But scientists remained skeptical that neurogenesis could happen in the advanced regions of adult brains, according to Prof. Gould, who with colleagues had previously demonstrated the phenomenon in the hippocampus.

Professors Gould and Gross' recent finding was more significant, because it showed neurogenesis in the cerebral cortex, the largest and most advanced part of the brain, according to the university release.

Finding New Neurons

"People thought: if the cerebral cortex is important in memory, how could it change?" said Prof. Gross. "In fact the opposite view is at least as plausible: if memories are formed from experiences, these experiences must produce changes in the brain."

In an effort to prove the latter, Professors Gould and Gross injected the chemical BrdU into the brains of adult rhesus monkeys, whose brain structure is fundamentally similar to that of humans.

> ***"These data scream for re-analysis of human brain development."***

When cells are exposed to BrdU during division, the chemical shows up in the DNA of the newly formed cells. After injecting the monkeys, the scientists looked for evidence of BrdU in the DNA of their cerebral-cortex neurons at regular intervals ranging from two hours to seven weeks. In all cases, they found some neurons with traces of BrdU — neurons which must have been formed after the chemical was injected.

The experiment showed neurogenesis in three regions of the cerebral cortex: the prefrontal region, responsible for decision making and short term memory; the inferior temporal region, which is crucial visual recognition; and the posterior parietal region, which is important for the representation of objects in space.

Professors Gross and Gould emphasized that any ideas regarding the function of these newly formed neurons was highly speculative. But

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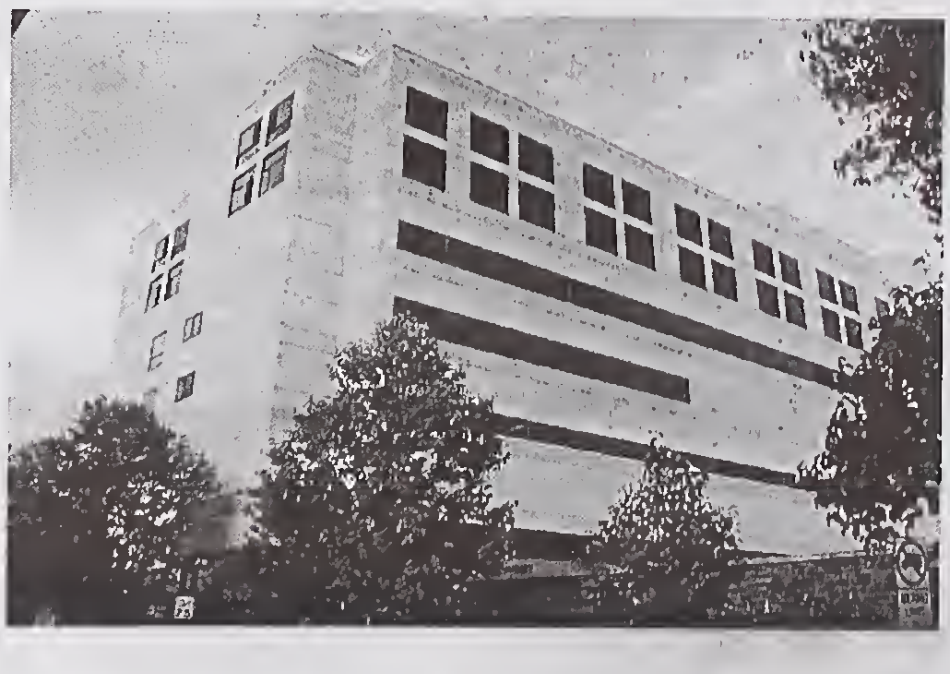

The Princeton Regional Planning Board will soon consider a plan to build the massive Regent's Mead CCRC on The Great Road. The building will be larger than the Princeton Medical Center building and its construction will require both blasting to a depth of 11 feet and fill of up to 14 feet above the natural grade. Is this the type of development that you think belongs on The Great Road Gateway? This is just plain wrong for our scenic, residential neighborhood. The Regent's Mead application is tentatively scheduled for hearing before the Regional Planning Board meeting on November 3, at 7:30 P.M. in the Township Building – attend to voice your opposition. And, let current members and candidates for Township Committee know that you want the Land Use Ordinance changed so that such a development could not even be considered! Send the message loud and clear:

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EMERGENCY LESSON: Community Park kindergartners visited the Medical Center at Princeton's emergency room Friday. There, Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad members Greg Paulson and Jay Padulchick demonstrated how to transport a neck-injury victim, using student volunteer Hope Steiner as a model.

(Photo by Albert Raboteau)

AQUÍ SE HABLA ESPANOL: Members of the planning committee for the fourth annual "Feria de la Salud" (health fair), to be held on Saturday, November 6, at the Nassau Presbyterian Church, are, from left, Maria Zarza, Womanspace; Nidia Fernandez, Latinas Unidas; Hana Muzika Kahn and Lucy MacKenzie, Latin American Task Force. Back row, from left, Eneida Rodriguez and Maria Hernandez, MECHA; Fredy Estrada, Medical Center; Karen Andrade-Mims, Planned Parenthood; and Beverly Leach, Latin American Task Force. For more information about the fair, which is co-sponsored by the Medical Center and the Latin American Task Force, call 497-427S.

African-American To Discuss Experience As NJ State Trooper

Sergeant First Class Walter Anderson Jr., New Jersey State Police, will share his experiences working for more than 20 years as an African-American law enforcement officer as part of Mercer County Community College's Distinguished Lecturer Series on Thursday, October 28 at noon.

He will also discuss becoming a state trooper. The talk takes place in Kerney Hall on Mercer's James Kerney Campus, North Broad and Academy streets, Trenton. It is free and open to the public, with no reservations required.

Sgt. Anderson is the 1995 recipient of the William P. Sullivan Memorial Community Service Award and the Law Enforcement Community Service Award from the South Jersey Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

He has served in various positions after graduating from the State Police Academy in January of 1979. He was a road duty trooper, a tactical patrol unit trooper, served on the Governor's Security Unit for nine years, and served as Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Supervisor. His current assignment is Recruiting/Museum and Learning Center Unit Supervisor.

Sgt. Anderson is active in the community and lectures on sexism, discrimination, harassment, hostile environments in the workplace and equal employment opportunity. He is a mentor with Mercer County Big Brothers/Big Sisters, is a volunteer track coach at Deptford High School and serves as financial secretary for the South Jersey Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

For information call 586-4800, ext. 3319 or e-mail penderm@mccc.edu.

Family Communication To Be Conference Topic

Communication within the family will be the subject of this year's annual conference, sponsored by the Princeton Family Center for Education Inc. A professional conference open to the general public, the one-day event will take place on October 29, at the Palmer Inn, 3499 Route 1.

Barbara King, associate professor of anthropology at the College of William and Mary, will discuss the evolution of communication and cognition in one family of primates.

Dr. King has studied free-ranging baboons in Kenya, as well as a family of bonobo apes in an American research lab. She has charted, largely on film, the development of communication in a bonobo infant, from birth to 17 months. Her study has led to theories about the origins of language.

Michael Kerr, director of the Georgetown Family Center, will also address the conference. He will focus on obstacles to open communication between humans, and the ways in which communication between family members breaks down. He will describe, as well, how the process of differentiation can reduce the emotional distance between people.

For more information about the conference, call 924-0514.

Am. Boychoir Plans Festival of Music, Crafts

The American Boychoir will host a free celebration of diversity in the arts on October 24 from 3 to 5 at The American Boychoir School in Princeton.

The event, titled "Many Voices, One Chorus" will include displays of traditional craft and heritage items from Ten Thousand Villages, international snacks from Main Street and a performance by The American Boychoir of songs from many nations. This event is in recognition of National Arts and Humanities Month.

As part of Many Voices, One Chorus, The American Boychoir will present its first ever Voice Award to Emily Mann, Artistic Director at McCarter Theatre. The award is presented to a New Jerseyan who has made extraordinary efforts to diversify the arts offerings in the community.

Plays written by Ms. Mano (and performed at McCarter Theatre) include *Meshuggah* based on the Isaac B. Singer novel, *Greensboro - A Requiem* about the shooting of five civil rights activists in North Carolina, and *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First One Hundred Years*.

Ten Thousand Villages, which opened its doors in the Princeton Shopping Center last month, will display melodic and percussive instruments from around the globe. The store is a not-for-profit enterprise whose proceeds benefit third world artisans. Besides the musical items, pieces for sale at the Princeton store include botanical baskets, ornaments, textiles, papers and handcrafted gifts from over 30 countries.

For information, call 924-5858.

Shopping Center to Host Halloween Festivities

The Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street, will sponsor its eighth annual "Spook-tacular Halloween Parade-Contest" on Saturday, October 30, at 11, in the courtyard.

Children are invited to show off their Halloween costumes, while marching to ghostly music. Judges will award first, second, third, and consolation prizes to winners from four age categories: parents and strollers; new walkers to age 3; 4- to 6-year-olds; and 7 years and above. Every child will win a prize and receive a free Halloween trick-or-treat bag.

After the parade, enjoy a children's concert performed by Peanut Butter-n-Jamm'n. Children can also go trick-or-treating at stores until 2, or while supplies last.

In case of rain, festivities will take place under the covered walkway next to Center Shoe and Repair. For more information, call 921-6234.

Man Dies in Car Crash Saturday on Rosedale

A 47-year-old man died Saturday in a one-car crash on Rosedale Road.

Alan L. Doughty, of Peterborough, England, was headed east, when he drove a 1999 Oldsmobile off the road into a tree about one-tenth of a mile east of Fairway Drive.

The initial impact was on the driver's side of the car.

Firefighters, rescue workers from the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, and Mercer County paramedics responded.

The victim was brought to the Capital Health System at Fuld, in Trenton, where he was pronounced dead a 2:59 a.m. Rosedale Road was closed for about one-and-a-half hours. The cause of the accident is unknown, and is being investigated by Corporal Thomas Murray.

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Med Center to Offer Outpatient Therapy At N.Y. Sports Club

The Medical Center at Princeton recently established outpatient physical and occupational therapy services at the New York Sports Club in the Princeton Shopping Center, North Harrison Street, which will allow appropriate patients to receive therapy in a well environment."

Eligible patients include those receiving physical therapy for sports-related or traumatic injuries, like a fractured arm or a muscle tear, as well as those who need occupational therapy for problems like upper extremity injuries.

The goal of offering therapy in the new setting is to inspire patients to maintain their health after therapy has been completed. A dedicated space in the club enables therapists to work with patients in a private setting, just as they would at a unit of the Medical Center.

Therapists at the new location will also be available to work with members of the club who want help dealing with a problem, such as a previous injury. Though not enrolled in a physical or occupational therapy program, these members will have access to the expertise of Medical Center therapists, if necessary.

The New York Sports Club is the newest location to house outpatient physical and occupational therapy for the Medical Center. Other locations include the Pennington Athletic Club, the Monroe Unit (Jamesburg) and the Meadow Lakes unit (Hightstown).

For more information on services at any of these facilities, call 497-3045.

St. Paul School Names Teacher as New Principal

A middle school teacher at the St. Paul School has been appointed principal of the Borough's only Roman Catholic elementary school.

Eileen Keller, a teacher of language arts and advanced mathematics at St. Paul, has been a teacher for 17 years, 10 of them spent teaching in the Diocese of Trenton.

She previously taught language arts and math to children in grades six through eight at St. Ann School, Lawrenceville, where she also introduced the school's algebra programs. In 1998, Ms. Keller was selected St. Paul School Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Ms. Keller received a B.A. degree from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., and a master's degree from Montclair State University. She resides in Lawrenceville with her family.

Eileen Keller

"Eileen Keller is a Class A educator who is committed to Catholic education," said Monsignor Walter E. Nolan, pastor of St. Paul Parish. "She is an asset to our administration and, especially, to our wonderful children; and we are grateful to her for accepting the integral role of principal of St. Paul School."

Arts Council to Sponsor Annual Halloween Parade

All ghosts and goblins are invited to the Arts Council of Princeton's annual Hometown Halloween Parade on Friday, October 29. The Parade is free and open to the public.

Everyone will gather in costume at the Arts Council, 102 Witherspoon Street, at 5:15. The parade will be led by mayors from the Borough and Township, members of the Princeton University Band and the Town Crier, and will be assisted by Princeton Borough Police and Mercer Engine Co. #3.

The parade will begin at 5:30 in front of the Arts Council, and will proceed to Palmer Square where festivities will continue on the green. Children will be able to decorate pumpkins and enjoy refreshments provided by the Nassau Inn and Palmer Square Associates.

For more information, call 924-8777.

The Hun School to Hold Open House on Oct. 24

Individual campus tours, performances by student musicians and information on academic offerings, resident life, athletics and summer programs will highlight the Open House at The Hun School on Sunday, October 24, from 1 to 4 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity to meet the faculty and staff and talk to students about school life at Hun. We're looking forward to opening our doors to families in the area," explained P. Terence Beach, Director of Admissions.

For information call 921-7600, ext. 2380.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTS: Taylor Landis-Miller, left, and Colman Preziosi haunting Princeton Cemetery. The annual Arts Council Hometown Halloween Parade will take place on October 29. Call 924-8777. *(Photo by Charles Phox)*

League to Sponsor Candidates Forum

The nonpartisan League of Women Voters of the Princeton Area will sponsor a candidates' forum at the Jewish Center of Princeton, 457 Nassau Street, from 8 to 9:30, on Thursday, October 21.

Candidates for municipal office in both the Borough and the Township, including mayoral candidates in the Borough, will appear. The event is an opportunity for voters to learn first hand the candidates' response to questions on important issues facing the Township and Borough.

For information, call 924-9845.

Authors to Sign Book On "Simple Games"

Alan D. Taylor and William S. Zwicker, mathematicians at Union College will appear at the Princeton University Store on Thursday, October 28, at 6:30 for a reading and booksigning of their new book, *Simple Games.*

In *Simple Games*, Dr. Zwicker and Dr. Taylor have compiled the first in-depth mathematical study of the subject of games as a coherent sub-field — one with its own body of organized techniques and results.

The book blends new theorems; with some of the striking results from threshold logic, making all of it accessible to game theorists. Advanced material focuses on the surprisingly wide variety of properties related to the weightedness of a game.

Dr. Taylor, (Marie Louise Bailey Professor of Mathematics), and Dr. Zwicker (Professor of Mathematics), have both been teaching at Union College for 24 years. Their research has been in the areas of combinatorial set theory and applications of mathematics to political science, including social choice theory and fair division.

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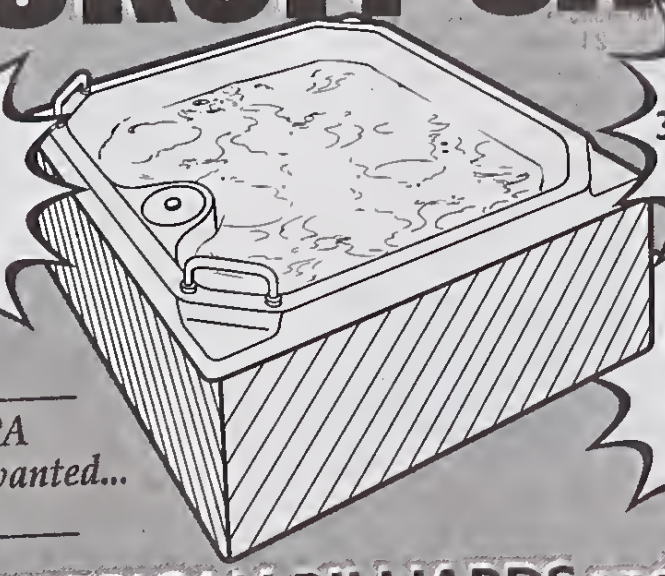
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Moore Street Parking

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She suggested that a two-hour limit on the Township stretch of Moore Street would "equalize" the Township and the Borough, where a two-hour limit has been enforced on Moore Street for the last two years.

"If we had consistency, we could resolve the problem," she insisted, adding that a "long-term plan is necessary."

She continued, "An accident could happen to students as well as to residents. For those who worry about enforcement," she said, "the danger is so great that it does justify passing an ordinance."

The law, as written, would restrict parking to two hours, only on school days between the hours of 8 and 4. The rest of the time, unlimited parking would be available on the western side of the street, although overnight parking restrictions and a complete parking prohibition on the east side of Moore Street would remain in effect.

A Car Is Not a Luxury

Several students explained that driving to school is a necessity for them, not a luxury. Student Council Vice President Ronak Pandya pointed out that bus schedules are not determined by team sports and that students who participate in late varsity practice must depend on others for transportation if they do not drive.

"The day I got my license was the happiest day of my parents' lives!" Mr. Pandya declared. Every morning, he explained, he picks up four friends. He drives to school and looks first for parking spaces on Walnut Lane. "If I don't find parking, I head for Moore."

"I see the side of the Moore Street residents," said student Carrie Jolley, "but this regulation won't change the situation. We can't add any more two-hour regulations; what we need is more all-day parking."

"We have a terrific student body that should not be squeezed between the need to use their cars and the need to be in class," commented Dr. Kazmark. "It is totally unreasonable for students to go into school realizing they will have to move their cars within two periods."

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He added that he wanted to cooperate with residents whose safety is in jeopardy and that perhaps a partial solution would be to limit the number of parking spaces on the street.

School district officials have also proposed construction of a new lot on high school property between the tennis courts and faculty/staff parking. Township Engineer Robert Kiser said he had evaluated the proposal and that it would create room for 20 to 25 more vehicles.

Dr. Kazmark said he had planned to propose permit parking as a solution, but Police Chief Anthony Gaylord had convinced him that permits would create enforcement problems, as would a two-hour limit.

Tom Hartmann, 178 Moore Street, declared that sports utility vehicles and mini-vans are the main safety hazards because they completely block any view of the street. "Maybe the high school parking lot could be reserved for SUVs and mini-vans," he proposed.

"I think it's intolerable for us to have to worry about access to and egress from our own driveways," he added. "I am looking for a real compromise."

"I don't want to reward the drivers of SUVs and mini-vans!" protested Tom Gibney, 194 Moore Street. Mr. Gibney also suggested that limiting the parking on Moore Street would just push the problem over to Jefferson..

Commenting that "Two wrongs don't make a right," Committeewoman Roslyn Denard suggested that Borough and Township work together to find a solution.

"Everyone recognizes the problem; and everyone is acting in good faith," declared Mr. Frakt. "Let's move ahead, but hold the effective date until January 15."

Mayor Phyllis Marchand and Committeeman Leonard Godfrey concurred that 90 days would allow Township and Borough enough time to find the "really right solution."

"Can you instigate meetings between the two mayors?" Ms. Denard asked Dr. Kazmark. He replied, "It would be my pleasure."

—Anne Rivera

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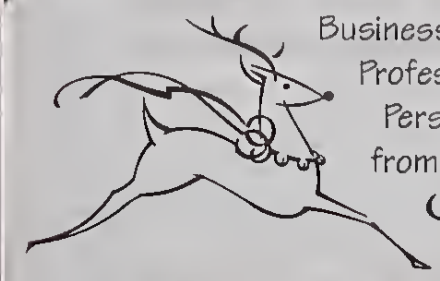

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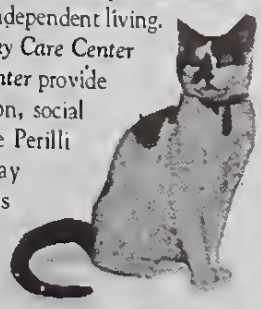

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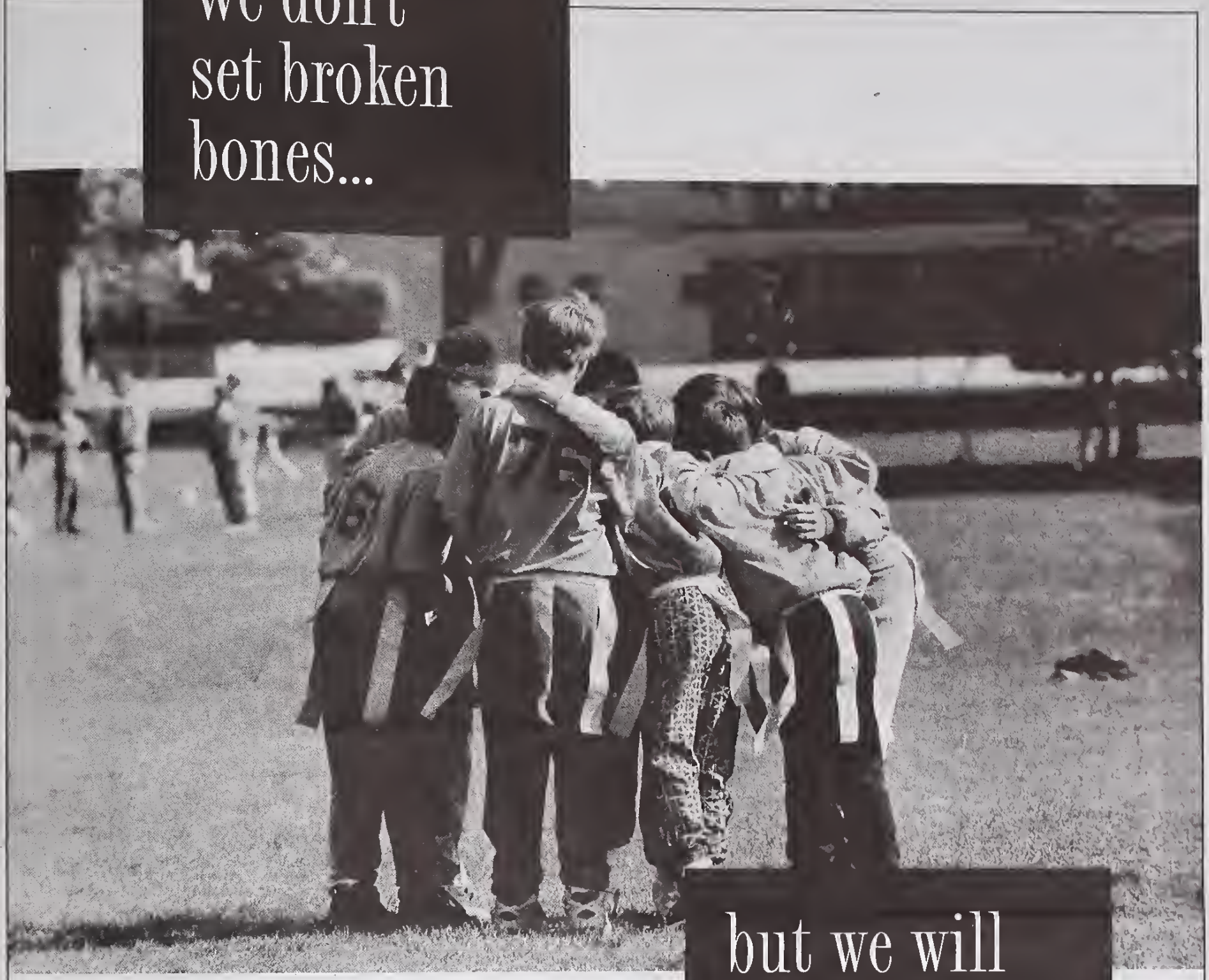

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Shooting

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the grounds, but when police arrived he was gone, said Borough Lieutenant Charles Davall.

On May 26, 1998 Errol Thompson got into a shouting match with his estranged wife outside Arthur Holland Middle School in Trenton, where she had dropped off one of their three children.

A restraining order she asked for against him had been finalized in superior court on May 20 of that year, and in blatant violation of it he accosted her outside the school and threatened her life, said Emily J. Hornaday, spokesperson for the Mercer County Prosecutors Office.

Dorothy Thompson drove away from the school to escape, and heard what she thought was a gunshot. When she got home, she found a lead fragment lodged in her car and called authorities.

Plea Bargain

Thompson was arrested and charged with second and fourth degree aggravated assault, third degree making terroristic threats, and fourth degree violating a restraining order. The fragment was two small to be definitively identified as a bullet, said Hornaday, and Errol Thompson was allowed a plea bargain. He pled guilty to the third degree terroristic threats charge on August 2 this year and was due to be sentenced on November 12. He was free on $20,000 bail, which he paid in cash in June 1998, said Hornaday.

According to his plea agreement, he was to receive no more than five years probation, and would have had to agree to enter treatment in a male batterer's program, said Hornaday.

Jack Gelfand, of South Stanworth Drive, lives near Merwick and heard the shots. "I heard three cracks," he said. "I wasn't sure if they were shots. I thought they might have been gunfire, they might have been a garbage truck. A few minutes later I heard the sirens and knew they were shots. They did not come in rapid succession. I've lived in the country and heard deer hunters shooting like: crack, crack, crack. These were like: crack ... crack ... crack."

"Later I heard helicopters," said Gelfand, who said the incident triggered memories of the Sovereign Bank robbery in 1997, when authorities buzzed above town in choppers looking for the fugitive robbers.

The robbery echoed in other minds as well. After being notified of the incident by police, the regional schools locked their doors and kept students inside for recess just to be safe, similar precautions to the ones taken the morning after the Sovereign robbery.

But it turns out the helicopters Gelfand heard were from news crews, according to Davall. By the time news of the shooting spread, he said, Errol Thompson was long gone.

—Albert Raboteau

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Merrill Lynch will host a free public seminar which will focus on financial planning entitled, "Financial Planning Strategies for the Next Century," on Saturday, October 23, and Tuesday, October 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Jacob Beshel, 55, Hale Drive, died suddenly on October 16.

Born in Essex Fells, he was the son of Joseph J. Beshel and Joan Gaffney Beshel.

Mr. Beshel was vice president of international business development for ESI Lederle, a division of Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals, St. Davids, Pa.

A graduate of Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., he earned a B.S. in biology. In 1982, as a Sloan Fellow, he received a master's degree in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Following graduation from college, Mr. Beshel served two years as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy's submarine service.

Prior to his position as vice president of international business development, Mr. Beshel was vice president of sales and marketing, and from 1990 to 1994 served as vice president and general manager of Wyeth-Ayerst Institutional Products. Previous positions included senior vice president and general manager of Rorer Pharmaceuticals and 20 years of employment with Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, where he served as vice president of marketing and as a member of the management boards for Surgikos and McNeil Consumer Products company.

Mr. Beshel served on the board of the Society of Critical Care Medicine. He was on the board of trustees of Operation Smile and was a trustee of Mount St. Mary's College.

An avid golfer and tennis player, he also enjoyed sailing and boating and was a member of the Brant Beach Yacht Club on Long Beach Island, where he had a summer home.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Cynthia Ervin Beshel; four children, Jeffrey D. of Hackensack, David B. of Hoboken, and Jonathan S. and Susan E. of Princeton; and three sisters, Barbara J. Beshel of Baltimore, Md., Joan B. White of Bel Air, Md., and Judith A. Beshel of Durango, Colo.

Funeral liturgy will be held Friday, October 22 at 1:30 at the Princeton University Chapel. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Operation Smile, 6435 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, Va. 23509.

Arrangements are by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Jason Page, 29, of Portland, Oregon, died October 7.

Born in Princeton, he lived in Princeton until moving to Portland five years ago. He was educated in Princeton public schools and was employed as a chef in Portland.

He is survived by his grandmothers, Mary Disher of Whiting and Josephine Nelson of Princeton; his mother, Deborah Disher and stepfather, Arthur Barclay, of Princeton; his father, Luther Page of Princeton; a brother, Daniel Page of Kansas; a stepsister, Antonia Barclay Bonds of Brooklyn; a stepbrother, David Barclay of Caldwell; an adopted brother, Benjamin Stentz of Princeton; and a friend, Mary Logan of Princeton.

A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, Paul Robeson Place. The Rev. Felicia Thomas, pastor, will officiate. Calling hours will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Nelson F. Cox, 85, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died October 18 at Hospice by the Sea, Boca Raton, Fla.

Born in Princeton, he lived in Penns Neck for 62 years.

Mr. Cox served 28 years as boatsman for the Princeton University crew. He was chosen to represent the United States as boatsman for the Gold Medal crew at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, and he handled the winning boat for the Thames Challenge Cup in Henley, England, in 1973. He also had two rowing shells named for him.

Mr. Cox retired from the University and was given a plaque by his University friends that described him as "meticulous craftsman, rugged individualist, friend to all." After his retirement, he moved with his wife to Florida.

As a youngster Mr. Cox developed an interest in flying. He took his first solo flight at age 16 and continued to fly whenever possible.

Son of the late Frederick and Anna Hutton Cox, he is survived by his wife, Flora Cox, two daughters, Doris Slater of Yardley, Pa., and Patricia Dowd of Plainsboro; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 pm. Thursday, October 21 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue. Funeral will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. from the funeral home.

Burial will be in Penns Neck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeton Baptist Church at Penns Neck.

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MASKS

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

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QUESTION: Do some people hide behind masks? Why do they do that?

ANSWER: A secret in life is that all people feel insecure. Masks are ineffective solutions to the problem of insecurity, either trying to fool others by pretending to be superior, or tragically fooling yourself by acting inferior.

The masks we wear on Halloween, we can take off at the end of the evening. The personality masks that hide who we are become harder to take off as each year passes, as if we begin to believe the web of lies that we have been spinning. Hence, my advice is to take your mask off, realizing that your true self is far more beautiful than any mask, no matter how bejeweled it may be.

Here are but a few examples of masks people wear everyday:

1. The Snob: This person puts himself up by putting you down. They narcissistically throw in your face the fact that they live on the right street, drive the right car, or know the right people, the not-so-subtle implication being that you do not! They often define themselves by what they have vs. who they are.

2. The Workaholic: This person defines self by what they do vs. who they are, compulsively working long hours due to feeling short on self-esteem. They endlessly tell you about how much they have accomplished on their job, what their title is, how many people are under them, or how much they make, the implication being that the firm would fold without them. They have a hard time relaxing, taking work home with them, and even converting fun into work, wanting to shoot the lowest score in golf so as to feel high.

3. Macho Man: This person hides their fear of you by making you scared of them. This is yesterday's bully from grade school, who today controls by making you feel uncomfortable, perhaps by yelling or being "in your face" during an argument. When people back down, they feel powerful. But, when people back away, especially a spouse, their paranoid fear of rejection shows itself in jealous accusations of infidelity, and a cynical world view that is a definite "turn off". The more assertive the spouse becomes, the more abusive the behavior becomes, often escalating to slapping and hitting.

4. The Martyr: This person manipulates by feelings, drawing such a "poor me" picture, that you find yourself drawn to doing things for them. However, after the 6th crisis in 2 weeks, you duck when you see them coming, as you see them as a "bottomless pit" of need. As we all want to help others, this person then just moves on to the next "sucker", never realizing that they do not have to act sad to become happy.

5. Shy Guy: This person avoids social situations, having to be dragged to a party, where they hover on the fringe of conversations, studying people to discover who is "safe". If either slightly rebuffed or ignored, they retreat to their corner, complaining enough until their spouse agrees to go home. While very talented, they often put themselves down, and are overly dismayed if they make a public mistake, each goof reinforcing the decision to hang back for fear of embarrassment.

6. The Clinger: Someone who judges himself or herself to be weak, and accordingly, clings to someone else whom they think is strong. They passively allow this person to make important decisions for them, such as buying a house or car, or determining to which school the children will go. Instead of depending on a mythical hero, they need to discover their inner worth, and nervously & gradually stand on their own two feet.

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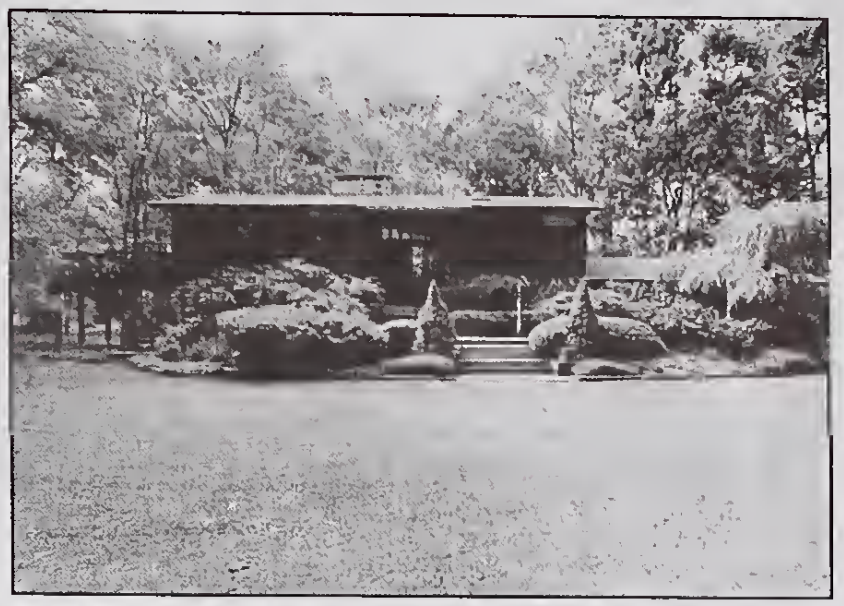

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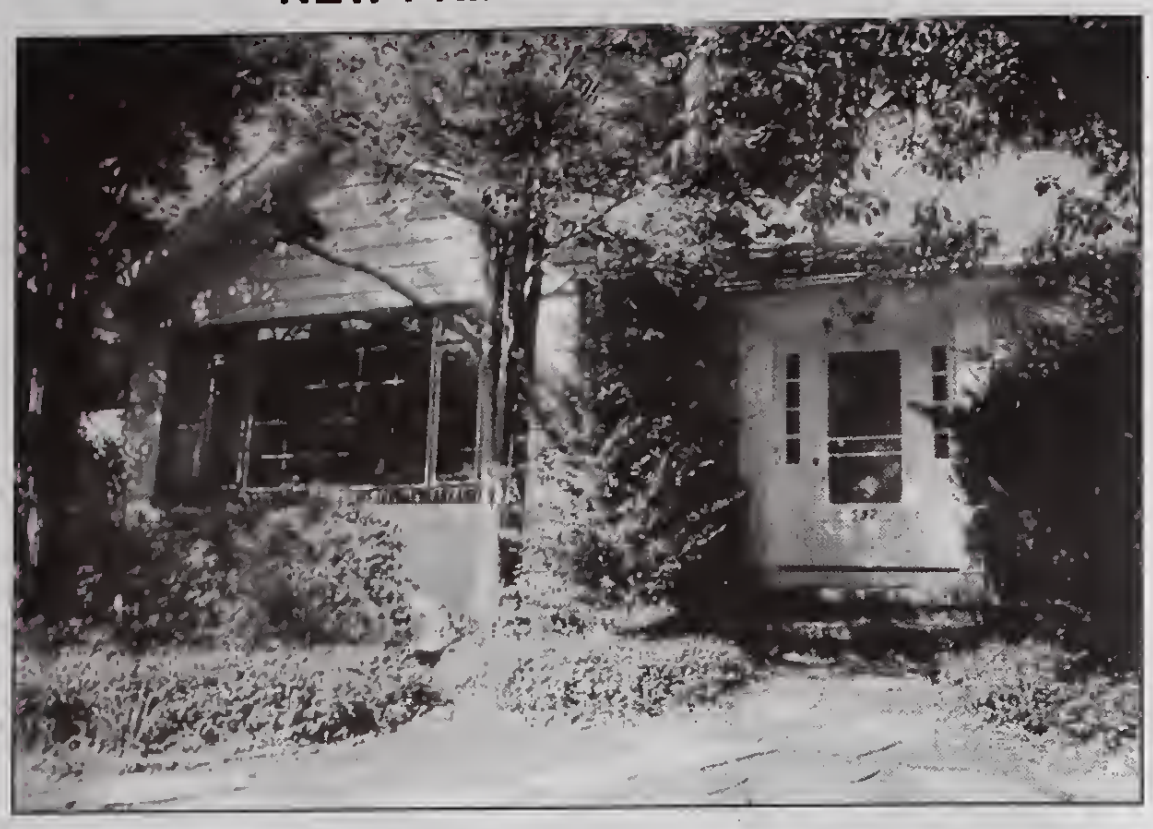

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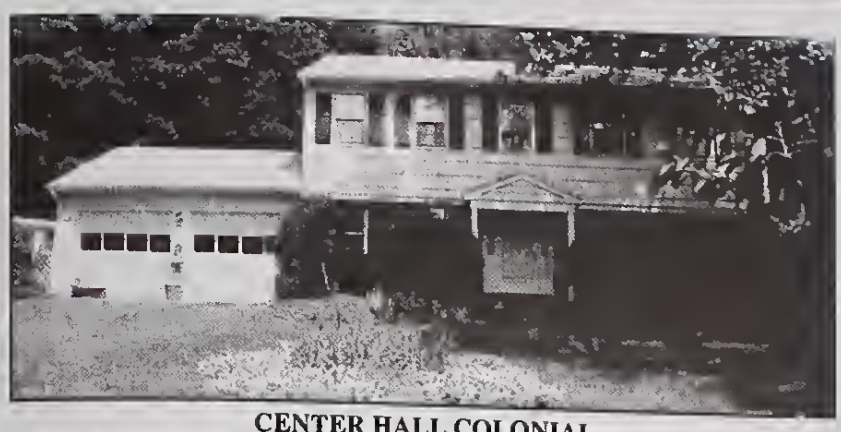

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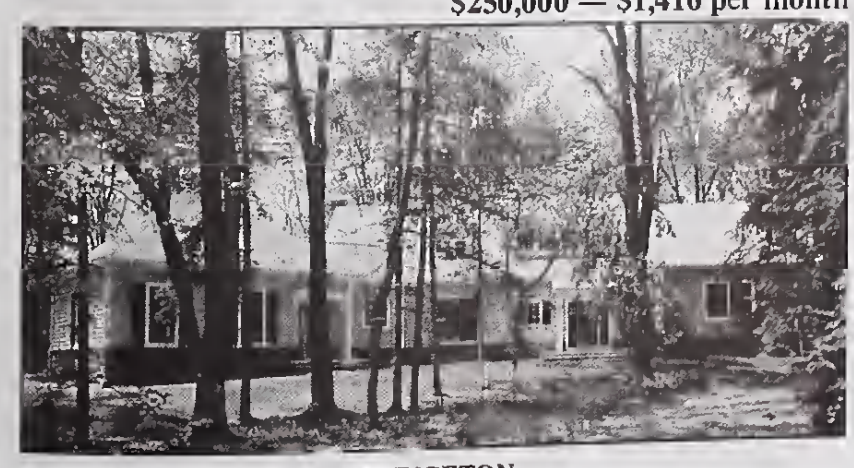

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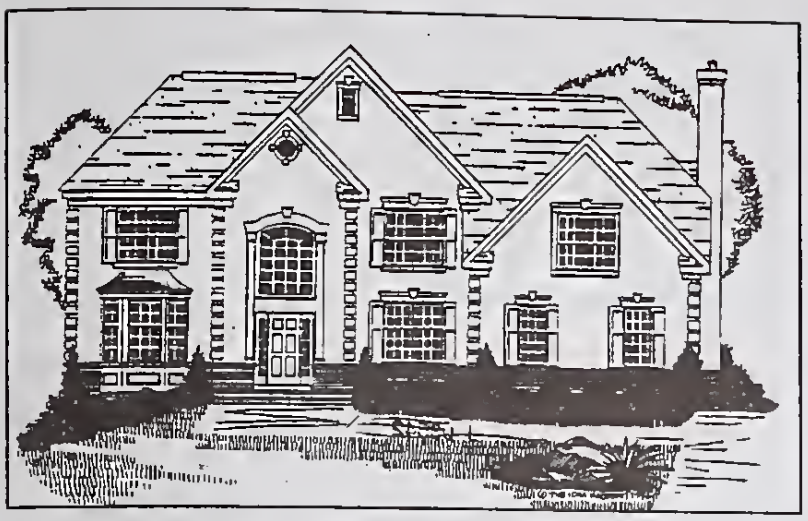

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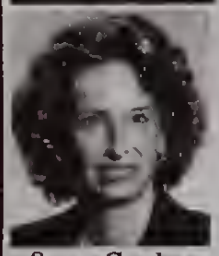

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